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Blair admits smacking his children - and feeling remorse

BY ALICE THOMSON POLITICAL REPORTER

TONY BLAIR, who has always claimed to be "tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime", has been applying the same principles at home.

The Labour Leader admitted yesterday that he smacked his children and believed corporal punishment was an appropriate tool to help to maintain discipline.

The admission to Parent Maga-zine has delighted Right-wing Tories who are thrilled that the Labour leader has joined a select band of parliamentary smackers. including Virginia Bottomley and Baroness Thatcher.

But his own politically correct backbenchers are more censurious and see it as a mild blot on his moral reputation.

Mr Blair, who has three children. Euan. 12, Nicholas, ten, and

Kathryn, eight, said: "When they were little I smacked them occasionally if they were really naughty or did something nasty to another

He said he felt some remorse. "I always regretted it because there are lots of ways of disciplining a child and I don't believe that belting them is the best one." But he added: "I was caned as a schoolhoy and it probably did me no harm."

line between administering discipline on the one hand and violence on the other, which most parents understand perfectly well. The important point is to discipline your children, because they must

The Labour leader said that being a father was far harder work than being a politician. Asked if he ever got cross, he said: "When my

realise that there are some things

children don't do what they are told." He said: "They do all the things that I used to be absolutely dreadful about as a child, like answering back or not tidying their rooms . . . I think it is important to

enforce a code of conduct." Now that Mr Blair has spilled the beans on his childrens' up-bringing they will not be able to do a Patty Reagan and write a bestseller about being abused as a

In a three-page colour spread filled with pictures of his wife and children having breakfast and playing in the garden, Mr Blair expounded the virtues of family values.

He said he would never forget the moment he became a parent and said watching the birth of two of his children was "a great thrill".

But, like Mrs Bottomley, Mr Blair made it very clear he hit them only because he cared.

He said Cherie Blair was a "bril-liant mum," and said he tried to spend at least two evenings a week with the family playing football, reading, or helping with their

> Labour MPs were publicly remaining silent, having been reprimanded for making their views clear on Mr Blair sending his child to a grant-maintained school. Members of the shadow Cabinet. Continued on page 2, col 5

Britain defies Brussels over Euro veto

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHARLES BREMNER AND ROGER BOYES

BRITAIN'S battle with the European Union over beef turned into a defiant stand-off last night after Brussels refused to make any further moves towards lifting the general export ben until John Major ends his policy of non-

cooperation.
The European Commission agreed, as expected, to end the embargo on beef by-products. but Jacques Santer launched a fierce attack on Britain's "absurd" stance, which he claimed was breaking the

EU's founding treaty. He spoke after a majority of the 20 commissioners had reluctantly followed their legal obligations and ended the smaller ban while demanding action against Britain. Some wanted the Government to be

taken to court. Downing Street, however, insisted that there would be no climbdown. Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, said: "The policy has been made clear by the Prime Minister and that policy remains in place until the circumstances which relate to it - and which he set out so clearly in the House of Commons - has been constructive-

ly addressed." Britain also seemed ready to threaten legal action against Germany, which said it would not lift even the ban on tallow. gelatine and bull semen. Malcolm Rifkind, in Bonn on a cross-Europe charm offensive" that appeared rapidly to be turning sour, said that any unilateral ban would violate

European law. Germany has said that it will not ease its embargo on British beef products until the federal decree comes up for review in September - and even if it did, the 16 federal states would almost certainly impose their own curbs.

The German stance put it. too, on a collision course with the Commission. But it was the stalemate on the main ban that was causing most alarm last night. Some Conservative MEPs called for a "gradual de-escalation" of the non-cooperation policy to help agreement on a staged removal of the ban, and business leaders warned the Prime Minister Article 5 of the Treaty of

"Member states shall take all appropriate measures, whether general or particular, to ensure filfilment of the obligations arising out of this Treaty or resulting from action taken by the institutions of the Community.

"They shall facilitate the achievement of the Community's tasks. They shall abstain from any measure which could jeopardise the attainment of the objectives of this Treaty."

that the crisis could disrupt other trade. Niall Fitzgerald, Europe committee, said that careless Euro-sceptic talk

could cost jobs. Mr Rifkind and Douelas Hogg, the agriculture minister, were meanwhile touring Europe trying to get agree-ment on a "framework" for ending the whole ban, but Mr Santer seemed to rule out any chance of that, and the Florence summit later this month

now at serious risk of chaos. Mr Santer claimed yester-day that Britain's blocking tactics were against the "spirit and letter of the Treaty of Rome, whose Article 5 requires member states to facilitate the smooth running of the

Britain was "distancing itself from the heart of Europe". he said, and now that Brussels



I hate the way the Germans are always

the first to sign

any beef ban"

had met its obligations over the by-products, the Commission expected "an immediate de-escalation from its position of conflict.

"In the absence of such immediate de-escalation, further work concerning a general framework of cooperation for achieving . . . a later lifting of the embargo would risk being seriously affected."

Mr Santer did not want the "surrender" of Britain. "We are not at war," he said. "We want the United Kingdom, as the Prime Minister said, to be at the heart of Europe'. With these (blocking) procedures, this cannot be achieved."

Mr Santer added that he had given his warning to Mr Britain to consider its implications. Emphasising what he deems the futility of Britain's action, he added that he knew "for sure" that the other members would have lifted the byproducts ban on Monday had Britain not adopted its ob-

structionist policy. In the event, the decision was handed back to the Commission - and even the minor concession won yesterday was more modest than it appeared because of the conditions attached. About a third of the tallow produced in Britain is used to make soap, but the heat treatments required will make it impossible to produce any of the right quality.

Even taken at face value, the end of the by-products ban will free only £34 million of exports - the market for bull semen, for example, raises less than El million a year. This compares with beef exports worth £520 million and live calf exports worth E70 million.

which remain blocked. Diplomats now expect Britain and its partners to remain deadlocked at least until Florence. Officials said the crisis could be defused there through a political agreement on a broad framework, without any dates attached, which would then go through the EU's formal decision-making machinery. At the least, this means months before any further easing of the ban.

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London Marathon veterans disqualified

By JOHN GOODBODY SPORTS NEWS

TWO veteran runners were

Roy Benson, who won the over-60 mens' section, with a time of 2 hours 55 minutes 04 en's over-60 class in 3 hours 34 being excluded from the official results. Mr Benson, 66. from Margate, Kent, had received a boxed category winner's medal. Miss Catlin, 62, from Liskeard, Cornwall received the medal for those who complete the race.

Alan Storey, the general



CORRESPONDENT

yesterday disqualified from this year's London Marathon for cheating because officials can find no evidence they ran the whole course.

seconds, and Guillian Catlin, who was fourth in the womminutes 03 seconds, were told that their performances were

A six-week inquiry has hinged on a film taken on the Isle of Dogs, which is the checkpoint that the organisers use to verify that all runners complete the 26 miles. 385 The two athletes have declined to identify themselves in the film, which was sent to their homes. Both say they do not possess video equipment. The organisers had previously spent hours scrutinising the film in a fruitless attempt to spot the two competitors.

manager of the race, said: "We have been given no alternative. A lot of people train



Mr Benson and Miss Catlin during the race

tremendously hard. We owe it to them to remove anyone from the results, when it is obvious that their performances lack credibility.

The event loops round east London and competitors who drop out of the race can use ublic transport free, provided they show their race numbers. Both runners, who do not know each other, yesterday insisted that they had run the whole course. Their fast times in recent London marathons had originally been ques-tioned by statisticians of veteran athletics, because neither

had achieved performances of Continued on page 2, col 5

Ices for penguins as sun shines at last

By Russell Jenkins

BRITAIN enjoyed the warmest day of the year yesterday as most of the country enjoyed the high 70s, with some favoured south coast resorts basking in the low 80s. Today is likely to be even hotter.

The warm spell, due to high pressure moving north from Italy and the Mediterranean. comes after one of the coldest springs on record - so chilly that birds have failed to breed and flowers have been slow to blossom.

Yesterday the highest temperature - 82F (27.7C) - was recorded at Gravesend, Kent and the London Weather Centre said today will be generally warmer. A few showers and cooler weather are expected tomorrow evening and on Saturday, "but it

will be pleasantly warm with a fair amount of sunshine." London's noon temperature yesterday of 75F (24C) matched many of the Mediterranean hotspots and beat the Canaries 73F (23C), Cagliari, Sardinia 72F (22C) and Madei-

ra 70F (21C). A week ago Bournemouth, in Dorset, was vying with Norway and Den-mark for the chilliest temperatures. Yesterday at 82F it was hotter than Casablanca. One tourist office spokesman said: This is much more like it. All the deck chairs are out and it is just like old times."

At Drusillas Zoo at Alfriston, near Eastbourne, keepers fed penguins with fish-flavoured ice lollies.

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IRA arms threat to peace talks

The future of the Northern Ireland peace process was in doubt last night after the IRA said that no weapons would be handed over before an

overall political settlement. The statement came as John Major and the Irish Prime Minister John Bruton attempted to end the deadlock on moves towards disarmament proposals.....Page 2

Duchess signs \$1.3m book deal

The Duchess of York signed a \$1.3 million (£838,000) deal in New York last night for the publication of her autobiography, despite agreeing to a confidentiality clause in her

recent divorce.
Under the deal with Simon & Schuster, the US publisher of her Budgie series, the book will be published in Britain and America later this year.

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Scientists reduce football match to total chaos

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

AS IF Terry Venables, the England coach, did not have enough to worry about in the run-up to Euro 96, sports scientists from Wales are now urging him to adopt more chaotic tactics.

According to their research, the mathematics of chaos theory can be applied to football. In essence, the tactic involves disrupting the wellestablished patterns of play by injecting the unexpected, something that good coaches may have already worked out for themselves. Keith

University of Wales Institute in Cardiff have collected a mass of data from football matches, modelling patterns of play on a computer by noting every action taken by the players.

"Successful teams exhibit patterns of play" Dr Hughes, an Everion fan. told New Scientist. "Their actions show invariance which provides foothall with a pre-ordained course. Yet amid the patterns there are perhaps four or five occasions when the game deviates from this rigid structure." The secret, he says, is exploiting

these chaotic moments, or perturba-

tions. And by studying the patterns of an opposing team's play, it should be possible to devise the perturbations most likely to disrupt it. His data goes back for more than ten years, and includes details of every

action taken by the players. From this a team's pattern of play can be modelled. These are the patterns these players feel comfortable with and with which they create dangerous attacks" says

Dr Hughes. "We can use this information to enable opponents to upset these Dr Hughes admits that it hardly

needs chaos theory to identify that moments of genius win matches. But he says that the advantage of notational analysis is that it identifies what is obvious or invariant in a match.

"When you can see the orderliness, it is easier to identify the ripples of player-induced chaos that upset those patterns" he says.

Dr Hughes is more optimistic than some about England's prospects. "The most critical time for England will be when they play Scotland, because that game's going to be absolute chaos."

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commons yesterday featured he opening skirmishes in the Var of Nancy Astor's Bust. hought it was her bust. Tony Jarlow (C. Northampton forth) said it was a plaque. David Harris (C. St Ives) alled it a hideous memorial And it was Mr Harris who aised the subject. He had assed through the "No" divirevious evening, he told the peaker. There he had seen a ew ornament a hideous remorial to Nancy Astor, the arst woman MP to take her

"We do not want our lobbies turned into pale imitations of the aisles at Westminster Abbey, with all sorts of memorials sprouting all over the

There were loud cheers from a number of Tory males. Normally a mild man, Harris seemed to have struck a chord. Few, if any, of his colleagues will remember Nancy Astor, but they all know Teresa Gorman (C. Billericay), Edwina Currie (C. Derbyshire South) and Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman (C. Lancaster) and legend has it that Lady Astor was a fearsome combination of all three



she once said. One suspected yesterday that the objection was not just to busts in general, but to Lady Astor's in particular though none dared breathe

Boothroyd's presence. Madam Speaker understood, she said, that "the bust was commissioned by the family". The House's Arts Committee had placed it in the "No" lobby. She promised

such a thought in Miss

to look into the matter. Parliamentary sketchwriters now await a counterblast from

Indeed, for Nancy Astor's st, Wednesday was a troubled day. Minutes earlier. miner's son and unrecon-structed Scottish male Jimmy Hood (Lab, Clydesdale) had seized the opportunity offered by a question on inward investment in Scotland to raise the subject of prostitution. Was it not a disgrace, he

Lady Astor's supporters.

Nationalist Party were proprostitution"? I think Mr Hood meant "legalise".

The Scottish Nationalists, he declared, would turn Scotland "into the greatest little whorehouse in Europe". There was a shocked silence, broken by the Scottish Secretary. Michael Forsyth, bur-bling something about how this proved that the National-

ists were very left-wing.
It is disillusioning for those of us who have tried to cleave to the principles of classical economic liberalism to see one by one, our idols fall. First Michael Portillo sells out to

starts blethering about the Royal Yacht Britannia: Teresa Gorman degenerates into a populist: and now Michael Forsyth calls the deregulation of the sex market "left-wing".

As a one-time libertarian and prophet of the free market. Mr Forsyth should be ashamed. Lacking the courage to face the question, he might at least have had the wit to turn it aside with the remark that the Scots Nats seemed to have overtaken even the Tories in their enthusiasm for market forces.

Margaret Ewing (SNP, Moray) rose. "Wooah!" Moray) chorused the schoolboy ten-

ing to the issue of inward investment ... began Mrs Ewing, with dignity. "Aaah." sighed the disappointed boys. You could imagine Nancy Astor's bust quivering with rage in the "No" lobby.

☐ The bronze plaque of Lady Astor commissioned by her son David, a former editor of the Observer, was made by Michael Rizzello. a London sculptor. Mr Astor commissioned the work after a dinner to mark the 70th anniversary of his mother's election. Someone said that there was

nothing to mark the fact that the house," he said.

Computer may have misguided **Ariane**

A computer fault may have been responsible for the failure of the Ariane 5 rocket. Officials with the European and French space agencies said preliminary findings indicated that wrong information caused booster nozzles to swivel and steer the rocket off course as it approached supersonic speed over French Guiana. Ground controllers then ordered its destruction.

The possibility of a computer fault - either because of a flaw or because false information was sent from another electrical system such as the guidance or altitude units was hailed as good news by officials with the agency and Arianespace, the commercial company due to take over running of Ariane 5. A design fault in the rocket's propulsion system would be far harder to

Mass conversion

The biggest mass conversion to date by a Church of England congregation has been recorded by a Roman Catholic church in east London, reports the Catholic Herald. Nearly 120 Anglicans from St Mat-thew's, Bethnal Green, including their curate, the Rev Stephen Willis, have been received into the Catholic

Fish quota call

Britain will not cut its fishing fleet until Brussels tackles quota-hopping by foreign fish-ermen, Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, told MPs last night. He said the European Commission's call for cuts of 40 per cent was unacceptable; 20 per cent of the offshore fleet was wholly or part owned by foreign interests whose catches were part of UK quotas.

Exhibition saved

British Airways has come to the rescue of the Millennium Exhibition, planned for Greenwich. After an emergency meeting called by Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, to raise privatesector finance for the scheme, Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chairman, said the company would support the event "significantly".

Ecstasy danger

Ecstasy is now the main drug sions for psychiatric treatment, according to a study published today. More than two-thirds of 390 drug-related admissions to a psychiatric intensive care unit were for Ecstasy and all these involved people under 25 years old, says report in the Nursing

Coe promoted

Sebastian Coe. MP. a former Olympic athletics champion, is to enter the Government as a junior whip. He replaces Gary Streeter, who earlier this week became junior minister at the Lord Chancellor's Department when Jonathan Evans went to the Welsh Office to replace Rod Richards, who resigned over allegations that he was having an affair.

Police ambushed Police were pelted with petrol

found in the crevices of a dominated by a single queen who is responsible for all reproduction. The larger

IRA weapons statement threatens peace process

AND NICHOLAS WATT

HE future of the Northern reland peace process was in oubt last night after the IRA aid that no weapons would be anded over ahead of an verall political settlement. The IRA statement, which speated that there would be

o ceasefire before Monday's pening talks, coincided with fresh dispute over the allarty talks. Ministers were proed to abandon plans to nnounce details of an agreesent between London and Aublin when discussions alled yesterday morning. John Major and John ruton, the Irish Prime Miniser, were due to hold urgent iscussions to try to resolve ne dispute. They are hoping

President Robinson, visiting Britain, laid a wreath in memory of Ireland's war dead at Westminster Cathedral. She was greeted by Cardinal Basil Hume and later had lunch with John Major. She will next week visit Washington at the invitation of President Clinton amid speculation that she may be a candidate to become UN Secretary-General.

for agreement today but from talks early yesterday officials admit there is no guarantee that differences can

be ironed out. After 16 hours of intensive talks between the two governments on Tuesday, ministers thought they had resolved problems over the destruction of terrorist weapons and who should chair the various parts

Spring, the Irish Deputy Prime Minister, emerged

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ous reaction from Ulster Unionists and British minisof the talks. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Dick

morning to predict a joint statement later in the day. However hopes of a breakthrough collapsed after a furi-

ters' refusal to bow to Dublin demands on the chairmanship of a crucial part of the talks. London made clear yesterday that it would not give ground to demands to allow Senator George Mitchell, President Clinton's envoy. to

chair the so-called "strand

London for a brief meeting with David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader. Mr Trimble has voiced deep reservations over the role of Senator Mitchell, who will oversee talks on decommissioning

After Mr Trimble had made clear his objections, the two governments acknowledged there was no prospect of a breakthrough yesterday.

The IRA statement came hours after Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, condemned Britain for excluding his party from the talks and for waiting until the last minute to hold discussions with the Irish Government about the agenda.

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Smacking family: Mr Blair with children Kathryn, 8, Nicholas, 10, and Euan, 12.

Blair admits smacking

Continued from page I whose recent public disagreements have forced Mr Blair to speak firmly to them, were distinctly nervous - possibly worried that their youthful pater familias may now consider using an even firmer line in future.

But one senior Labour backbencher said: 'This is one right-wing view too far. The argument against hitting infants was won years ago. aggressive children."

Mr Blair's office was immediately inundated by calls from irate children's organ-

Peter Newell, the co-ordinator of Epoch (End Physical Violence For Children), which aims to outlaw smacking said: A hundred years ago political leaders got away with hitting their wives. Today they would be condemned. In a hundred years' time we will be horrified that a Labour leader admitted smacking a

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said: "The NSPCC understands the stresses parents and carers face, but believes that smacking is not an effective or appropriate way of disciplining children."

But surveys show that Mr Blair is not in a minority. About 90 per cent of parents in Britain say they have hit sion met much sympathy from some celebrity parents interviewed by The Times.

Race ban

a comparable standard in shorter events. So the organisers of this year's Flora London Marathon gave each one of the 250 champion chips distributed to special competitors. These minute electronic gadgets clip onto the laces of running shoes and record split

times in a central computer. However, after the event on April 21. Mr Benson told the organisers that he had arrived eight minutes late for the start and, in his haste, had inadvertently left the chip in his car. Miss Catlin said that she did not wear the gadget because she did not want to be responsible for losing it and paying

£20 to replace it. Mr Benson runs regularly barefoot in the sea off the Kent coast. He said that, because of "the difficulties" that the organisers had faced, he did not object if any award were transferred to another runner.

He added: "To me it has been a great privilege to take part in the London Marathon and that is reward in itself. I would like to to run in the event next year and show everyone, once again, that I am capable of this time."

Miss Cattlin said she had raised about £30,000 for charity in her 19-race marathon career. This year, she was collecting for the British Heart Foundation. She said: "I am upset that I have been excluded. I ran all the way."

Minister silent on Japanese bid

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Defence Minister James Arbuthnot angered MPs yesterday when he refused to confirm whether a Japanese consortium was bidding to buy the Armed Forces' 60,000 married quarters for £1.6

billion. Members of the Commons Defence Select Committee had already expressed strong disapproval of the sell-off scheme, and Mr Arbuthnot's disclosure that after 25 years the purchaser would be able to redevelop certain sites for

private sale. When Frank Cook, Labour MP for Stockton North, asked whether it was true that the four bidders shortlisted were all foreign - two from America, one Dutch and one Japanese. Mr Arbuthnot said it was a commercially confiden-

It was revealed in The Times last month that the Japanese bank Nomura International is on the shortlist.

Winston Churchill, Tory MP for Davyhulme, described Mr Arbuthnot's response as an outrage. He said hiding such information would not be allowed in the United States. He told Michael Colvin, the

need to assert our position as a committee to obtain that information. It is an outrage that it should even be suggested that it be denied to this committee." Mr Arbuthnot agreed to give the information to the MPs privately.

Earlier Bruce George, Labour MP for Walsall South, told Mr Arbuthnot he believed the proposal to sell the homes to a private consortium was a nonsense". "I know it would mean a great deal of embarrassment if this could be reversed but frankly, as a member of this committee since 1979, and having witnessed many inanities by the MoD, this has got to be the greatest Pythonesque inanity

Mr Arbuthnot said that although the future buyer would be able to redevelop certain sites after 25 years of leasehold ownership, it would have to provide alternative housing close by.

He announced, however, new condition. The MoD would be able to issue a "ministerial certificate" to stop a site being redeveloped after 25 years if it would have an adverse effect on military operational effectiveness.

bombs and stones after being lured into an ambush by masked men who called 999 and claimed that rioters were looting shops. Detectives in Leeds suspect the attack could have been an attempt at retaliation by local criminals in response to a campaign against crime in the Woodhouse district of the city.

Shrimp apes bee

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Circulation decision angers Times By ALEXANDRA FREAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

NEWS INTERNATIONAL, owner of The Times, complained to the Audit Bureau of Circulations vesterday over its decision to exclude from circulation figures Monday's edition of the paper, which is being sold at 10p from this week.

Les Hinton, executive chairman of News International, wrote to the bureau's chief executive, John Beadell, after it ruled that The Times's decision to let newsagents keep the entire 10p breached industry rules. The paper, which sells at 30p on

weekdays and 40p on Saturday, launched the Monday offer to mark Britain's "summer of sport".

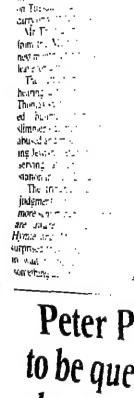
Mr Hinton's letter said: "I do not understand how the ABC can unilaterally decide to disallow copies of Monday's issue of The Times that were genuinely sold through the news trade, when thousands of papers which are given away through so-called 'bulk sales' are consistently included in publishers' ABC

Richard Foan, deputy chief executive of the bureau, which is controlled by newspaper publishers, advertisers and agencies, said he was applying rules laid

down by the industry. "The rules state that for copies to be included as trade sales they must give a positive contribu-tion to the publisher. This is not the case if

The Times is selling at 10p."
In the case of The Daily Telegraph, which has offered copies of the 70p Sunday Telegraph in return for a 10p voucher, the publisher was deemed to have gained a contribution because the customer had to buy a full-priced copy of The Daily Telegraph to obtain the voucher, Mr Foan added that different rules governed bulk sales, where newspapers are distributed free to readers by

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Thomas: to retire early

Jewish PC wins case over racial prejudice

By RICHARD FORD

A JEWISH police officer who suffered two years of anti-Semitic taunts won thousands of pounds in compensation yesterday from the Metropoli-

tan Police. PC Paul Thomas was awarded the money after an industrial tribunal found that he was discriminated against on racial grounds.

Mr Thomas, 40, agreed the terms and amount of compensation during a hearing at an industrial tribunal in central London. As part of the deal, he is forbidden from making any further comment on the matter or revealing details of the settlement. It is understood, however, that the payment is a five-figure sum.

Mr Thomas's case had been funded initially by the Commission for Racial Equality and then the Police Federation, which told Mr Thomas on Tuesday that it would not carry on with funding his case.

Mr Thomas plans to retire from the Metropolitan Police next month after being on sick leave for almost two years.

The settlement followed a hearing last year in which Mr Thomas said that he contracted bulimia nervosa, the slimmer's ailment, after being abused and mocked for following Jewish dietary rules while serving at Chiswick police

station in west London. The tribunal stated in its judgment: "We accept officers more senior than Mr Thomas are aware he was called Hymic and Moses and are surprised they were prepared to wait to be asked to do

Holiday girl, 5, swept out to sea on beach stroll

A GIRL aged five was feared drowned yesterday after being swept away by a high tide while on holiday in Cornwall. Rebecca Ramsey was on an evening stroll at Sandymouth Bay, near Bude, with her mother's boyfriend, John Seaman, 52, and his son Manhew. 25, when they were cut off by the tide and carried into the

The men managed to scramble onto rocks and were rescued by coastguards, but the girl disappeared. Two holidaymakers raised the alarm after seeing the men in

the sea on Tuesday.

The girl's mother. Susan
Ramsey, 44, watched from Stowe cliffs, overlooking the beach, as coastguards and an RAF helicopter searched rough seas for two hours. The search resumed at dawn yesterday, but was called off in the afternoon. Routine patrols

of the area were continuing. Flight Lieutenant Andy Cooper, pilot of the RAF helicopter, said: "The topography of the cliff results in quite serious breakers and crushing surf. This makes our searching the foot of the cliff very difficult because of the surf and the white water."

One of the rescued men suffered back injuries. Both were taken to hospital and released yesterday morning after treatment. The holidaymakers, who came from Bris-



The cliffs overlooking Sandymouth Bay

tol, were staying at Sandy-mouth Holiday Park and had been in the area for only a few

John Ramsey, 52, Reheccu's father, said last night: "She loved the sea. I would take her to the beach and she would be overjoyed. I just wish I had been with her. I know that coastline, I know how dangerous it can be. I don't blame the guys. I am sure they did all

"She was a beautiful, loving girl; a real character. She was at that wonderful age where she was interested in everything."

Mr Ramsey, a salesman, separated from Rebecca's mother four years ago but looked after his daughter every other weekend. "All I can

remember is her hugging and kissing me," he said. "She was so full of energy. I have not spoken to Susan and I believe she is under sedation at the hospital. She will be de-stroyed. She doted on Rebecca just like I did."

A police spokesman said: The group were swept away in rough seas and it was a case of every man for himself. We will be interviewing the men to find out exactly what

Gordon Whatley, a Falmouth coastguard spokes-man, said: "After we rescued the men we were made aware of a missing girl. Apparently the three were stranded when the tide came in.

The helicopter and lifeboat were scrambled but we couldn't find anyone. Cornwall is known for its coves and caves but the tides can be very dangerous."

A warning about beach safety was issued by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents yesterday. Malcolm Ellis, a spokesman, said extra care should be taken when walking on coasts not visited before. He also advised holidaymakers to check the times

At Sandymouth Bay, which is popular with surfers, the tide comes in rapidly to the foot of the cliffs. "What may look a very pleasant spot can become an extremely dangerous spot in a very short time,"



Rebecca Ramsey went missing after being cut off by waves during a walk on the north Cornwall coast. Coastguards and an RAF helicopter failed to find her body

Killer GP needed more care says widow

By TIM JONES

A DOCTOR who had killed his daughter was able to commit suicide while being held in a secure unit, despite his wife warning staff that he needed special care, it was claimed yesterday.

Jane Alesworth told an inquest that her husband Patrick, 49, had attempted to kill himself several times. The GP had been committed to the secure Wallingford Clinic at Fairmile Hospital, Cholsey, Oxford, after being convicted of the manslaughter of his daughter Sara, 20, whom he bludgeoned to death at their home in Aylesbury, Bucking-

Last September he was found hanging from a tree with a rope made from strips of shredded trousers after he was allowed to walk alone in the grounds for half an hour. Mrs Alesworth, 50, told the Oxford inquest that the family had been very supportive towards her husband: "I went to see him about once a week and my younger daughter came with me. I spoke to him most days on the phone. His sister and parents visited

His suicide attempts, and his anxiety, had usually coincided with her absences, she said. Days before his death, she learnt he had been discovered tearing up his trousers in his room: "Because I was going away for a few days, I rang the unit to say I knew what had happened and said to make sure to take bloody good care of him."

Patricia Kent, a nursing assistant, agreed she had tak-en the call from Mrs Alesworth but denied she had requested special care: "She just said she knew he had done something naughty."

Dr Henrietta Bullard, a consultant forensic psychiatrist, said Dr Alesworth had been allowed to continue his unescorted walks 24 hours affer he had been discovered tearing the trousers into

"It was a substantial change in that he was free to possibly commit suicide," Dr Bullard said. "But he was also free to be trusted and make progress. We didn't regard his unescorted parole as being a risk.

Honeymoon is over for groom who never had cancer

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

A BRIDEGROOM who was showered with money and gifts after announcing be might die of cancer days after his wedding never had the disease, doctors said yesterday.

The Queen Alexandra Hospital at Cosham, Hampshire, issued a statement that Paul Challis was suffering from an ear infection — not cancer of the cranium as he had claimed after he was seen being married on regional television. , Mr Challis, 28, and Katy Webster,

18. enjoyed a £4,000 wedding made possible by sympathetic businesses who destated everything from the

bridal gown, cake and rings to a hired white Rolls-Royce and a

champagne reception.

Mr Challis had told the media that two days after the wedding last Saturday he would have an opera-tion to remove part of his skull. He said he had only a 50-50 chance of

But Pat Forsyth, spokeswoman for the hospital, said Mr Challis had mastoiditis. "This is basically an ear infection which had led to a small growth in the ear — it's a fairly common condition. The growth was not cancerous and there was no

question of chemotherapy.

The surgeon twice explained the deeverything from the

situation to Mr Challis very carefully before the operation. He was never told he had cancer or that he would

be having chemotherapy. The routine operation lasted only an hour and was a complete succes Mr Challis had told his girlfriend

on May 27 that he had cancer and three days later she proposed. The wedding cake, wedding rings, flowers and the use of a white Rolls-Royce were donated by wellwishers. Dresses for the bride and bridesmaids were also supplied free. Yesterday Mr Challis insisted he

had been told that he was suffering from cancer. "I am due to return to hospital in two weeks to start:

chemotherapy." He refused to say whether the couple, both unem-

ployed, of Leigh Park, Havant, would be giving back the presents. Sam Betts, from Copner, Ports-mouth, who lent a white stretch limousine for the wedding, said: "People have been made to look like

Fred Arnell, managing director of Picketts and Pursers, a Southsea jeweller, donated Miss Webster's gold wedding ring after being con-tacted by the family. "When I was told about the situation I thought, 'How awful, of course I'll help'. It was a great shock when I heard he never had cancer at all." Paul and Katy Challis



Peter Phillips to be questioned about bar brawl

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Princess Royal's son, Peter Phillips, is expected to be asked by police and teachers about an alleged brawl involving local youths and uppersixth boys from Gordonstoun. the independent school where he and his sister Zara are

pupils.

There is no suggestion that
Peter was involved, but as Guardian, or head boy, he is expected to liaise with the authorities.

A man whose jaw was broken during the fighting said that Peter, who has gained a place in the Scotland under-18 rugby squad, was among about 20 boys who were eating and drinking in an American theme bar at Elgin, Grampian, when the trouble started. Grampian Police confirmed yesterday that they were investigating an alleged assault.

George More, 20, said that he was taken to hospital in Elgin with a broken jaw after one of the boys hit him in the face with a bottle. Mr More, who was transferred to Aberdeen Royai Infirmary, where a metal plate was fitted to his jaw, said that he had been drinking with about ten

friends in the bar in the Stoffield Hotel when an argument started.

"There was a crowd of Gordonstoun boys and a few locals fighting and rolling about in the street," he said. " was punched on the back of my head and I turned round to grab whoever did it. The next thing I knew I was hit with a bottle

Mr More's brother David, 17, said that Peter was one of the pupils who tried to calm the situation down.

The owner of the Lave-rockbank Hotel said: The Gordonstoun boys do not come here often. They only get out about three times a year. but when they are here they are excellent and very wellbehaved. Peter Phillips is a complete gentlemen. I don't believe either they or he has done anything wrong."

James Thomas, director of external affairs at the school. said: "The school acknowledges there was an incident in which fighting took place. The school strongly deplores this type of behaviour and deeply regrets any involvement by Gordonstoun pupils. An internal enquiry is continuing."



Kathleen Hill with her brother's George Cross

Hero's sister reunited with cherished medal

By ROBIN YOUNG AND LOUISE GEVAUX

THE sister of a Second World War hero was reunited yesterday with the George Cross that was awarded to him posthumously.

Kathleen Hill, 68, of Norwich, had been hunting the medal for years since her nephew sold it to raise money for his marriage. It was awarded to her eldest brother. Herbert Henry Reed, for saving the life of the Chief Officer of the SS Cormount, a merchant ship on which he was a gunner, in 1941.

Bombardier Reed, then 30. had been hit by aircraft machinegun fire when he carried the badly wounded officer from the bridge to

died, his stomach having been ripped open by bullets. As a girl of 13, Mrs Hill went

to Buckingham Palace with her mother to receive the help in tracing it from Lionel Wheble, secretary of the Marrades' Association. Initial attempts failed but Mr Wheble's son then spotted it by

safety. Bombardier Reed then

medal from George VI. After her nephew sold it she sought ine Royal Artillery Old Comchance at the National Army Museum in Chelsea.

Mrs Hill travelled from Norwich to see it yesterday. "I am absolutely thrilled," she said. "The medal could not have gone to a better place."

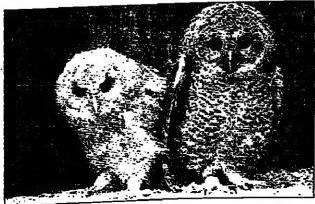
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Whiter shade of owl in mortal danger most territorial of birds.

BLONDIE, an albino tawny owl, is perhaps the rarest bird in Britain. There is no record of another albino tawny having been seen in this country, but such rarity is no guarantee of survival.

Experts fear that the owl's extraordinary looks will mark it as an easy target in the wild. Rooks, crows and jackdaws are likely to be ruthless persecutors and it could even be killed by the young tawnies sharing an aviary at the RSPCA's West Hatch animal rescue centre

in Somerset. Records held by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, dating back to the 1860s, show no albino tawny has ever been seen in Britain.



The albino Blondie with another young tawny

Blondie's pink eyes — a sign of pure albinism — are rarely seen in any breed of bird. Derek Niemann of the RSPB said: "We know of no

other tawny owl like this one. It would probably struggle in the wild because it would

stand out. "Tawnies are among the

Once fully grown they mark out areas over three to four miles and will drive away any other owl attempting to enter. A huge proportion of tawnies are killed like this." Blondie, only six weeks old, was found dying in a field

near Yeovil last month. The fledgeling had apparently edged out along a branch to feed and lost its balance. Colin Seddon, deputy man-

ager at the rescue centre, said: "Our aim is to release her but we won't if that means sending her to her death. Tawny owls rely heavily on their plumage to camouflage them when they're sitting in trees. This one will stick

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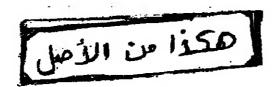
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FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN CHICAGO

TELEVISION stations renamed their weather forecasts "Diana-casts" and spectators subbed with emotion yesterday as America bowed to the Princess of Wales.

For a city of Polacks and Paddies", as one barman put it, and whose Irish-descended mayor refused to comment on the visit, Chicago succumbed to an extraordinary bout of red-carpet fever. Crowds screamed like rock fans, a key match by the city's basketball team took second place for many, and politicians were awed by her hand-shaking

Kelly Frederick, 30, a "lifelong" devotee, was so overcome by meeting her heroine that her shoulders heaved and lears coursed down her powdered cheeks. "A dream come true," wailed Ms Frederick. who had driven 300 miles to be there and considered her life now complete.

In the official part of the day, the Princess attended a symposium on breast cancer, visited a hospital and dined at a fund-raising gala which attracted the guttural matrons of Chicago's lakeside boulevards and was co-organised by the management of People

At the Northwestern University symposium, Britain's best-known hospital visitor received two standing ovations. She described cancer as being, for many, "the dreaded C word" and added: "I have witnessed at first-hand signifi-cant progress in diagnosis." She quoted a father of the modern Olympics movement, Pierre de Coubertin, who said 90 years ago: "The most important thing in life is not the victory but the contest; the essential thing is not to have won but to have fought well."

Her divorce lawyers presumably take a less sporting view. Cynics wondered if another dreaded C-word might be "Charles".

Veteran observers of the political scene marvelled at the way the Princess worked the crowds, exchanging small talk and shaking hands. Steve Obert, 18, an economics fresh-

The brother of the Princess of Wales has applied for a court order against a photographer who he said was harassing his family. Earl Spencer alleges that Fanie Jason entered the family home in Cape Town disguised as a workman. Lady Spencer said she and her children had been traumatised and no longer felt free to walk in their garden. The case was postponed until Tuesday.

man, said: "I won't wash my hand for weeks." Roderic Williams, 20, studying international business, said: "It was magical. She told me it didn't look like I normally wore a jacket. Said she could tell because she has two boys of her own. She was really maternal." Governor Jim Edgar of Illinois watched and said: "In my line of work, we're envious.

The tortured politics of the House of Windsor were largely overlooked. Chicagoans are enthusiasts and wanted to think only of the good things. News programmes played God Save the Queen, anchormen adopted English accents and clips of Sir Win-Churchill were

From her bedroom window yesterday the Princess had glorious views of Lake Michigan and of the muscle men who do their morning PT on the city's north shore beach. Even before she checked in, there was a message from a businessman asking her for a date. One TV channel consulted a matchmaker, Heather Stern, who said: "The Princess needs a man to nurture her. We have some wonderful bachelors."

For the Princess, this trip represents a chance to impress on London her ambassadorial notential. It was no mean feat for her to match interest in a Chicago Bulls' game. Deloris Jordan, whose son Michael is a Bulls' star, accepted an invitation to last night's din-

Bulls' game. It was the first time she has missed a play-off. Louis B. Susman, a big wheel with the investment house Salomon Brothers, originally turned down an invitation to the dinner as he had a

hox for the basketball game. His wife reversed his plans. Chicago's mayor, Richard Daley, may have refused to comment on the Princess's presence for fear of sounding too enthusiastic for the liking of his Irish constituency. One judge, Anne Burke, boycotted the dinner as a show of support for a united Ireland. A TV pundit urged the people

not to bow and scrape to

royalty: "Americans bow to no

one!". The advice was widely

An Irishman who caused a security alert outside Kensington Palace last month was denied access to an American flight from Shannon Airport. Liam Whitney, 36, who says he is in love with the Princess,



Well-wishers greet the Princess at Northwestern University yesterday. Even the Chicago Bulls were temporarily relegated in the city's affections





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FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE Duchess of York was close to signing a book deal in New York last night for \$1.3 million (£840,000).

The reported price falls far short of the \$4.3 million paid recently to Marcia Clark, prosecutor in the O.J. Simpson case, or the \$3 million deal done by the comedicane Rosie O'Donnell.

One reason for the low offer is that the Duchess agreed to a confidentiality provision in her divorce that will prevent her writing a "kiss-and-tell" account of her ten-year marriage. It is unclear how much the Duchess will be able to disclose about her relationship with the Texan John Bryan and other controversies that she has been involved in since her marriage.

The Duchess, who is in New York to attend charity functions, will write her autobiography for Simon & Schuster, the US publisher of her Budgie the Helicopter

series. The New York Post yesterday quoted one publisher who passed on the autobiog raphy as saying: "We were a

little nervous, since she had nothing in writing to show us, only the promise that she would be open and honest and that she would write about her marriage to some degree." Another editor who met the Duchess said: "She told me that she wants to tell her whole story. A classic, women's self-discovery story with all the glamorous trap-pings, as well as details about what her life will be like as a single parent."

By signing with Simon & chaster, the Duchess will be able to work with Michael Koorda, one of the top publishers in America. Mr Koorda has handled such celebrities as Jackie Collins, Faye Dunaway, Charlton Heston and Harold Robbins. He is travelling across the United States on a book tour to promote Man to Man, his account of his battle with prostate cancer.

This is not the first time the Duchess has sought a sevenfigure book deal in New York. In 1994 she tried unsuccessfully to land \$5 million for a mystery novel that mirrored her life and for a children's book about an American girl befriended by a princess on a trip to

CORRECTION

Stansted Park, Hampshire, is owned by the Stansted Park Foundation and not by the Earl of Bessborough (report, May 22). The Foundation's agent is Captain John Gowen RN.

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Bon viveurs of the Stone Age uncorked retsina

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE discovery of an ancient retsina has pushed back the origin of wine by 2,000 years. races of the wine were found in a fragment of a jar dating from 5,400 to 5,000 BC, when

were being established. The fragment was dug up at a Stone Age site in the Zagros mountains of Iran. Dr Mary Voigt, of William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia, was excavating what appears to have been the kitchen of a square, mud-brick

the first human settlements

building.

A yellowish residue on the oottery was analysed by Dr loight and archaeologists from the University of Pennsylvania Museum in Philadelphia. They report in Nature that the material contained calcium tartrate and a resin. called terebinth, from a tree belonging to the cashew

Tartaric acid occurs commonly only in grapes, the team reports, and was converted into the calcium salt by contact with the soil at the site. The same combination of tartrates and terebinth resin has been found in many ancient amphoras from the Near East. including Egyptian jars known to have contained

The resin would have been added to suppress the bacteria that would otherwise turn wine into vinegar, and to disguise any unpleasant flavours. The only well-known wine produced today using resin is retsina from Greece, although

it is made with resin from a different plant. The previous oldest wine, found at Godin Tepe, also in the Zagros mountains, was made by the Sumerians in about 3,500 BC. The team at



Pennsylvania Museum, led by Dr Patrick McGovern, also carried out the analysis that identified this sample.

As the Sumerians are generally regarded as the vanguard of civilised life - pre-dating the Babylonians, Egyptians and Greeks - the new find implies that wine came before civilisation. Some might argue that the two are synonymous, though not the present rulers of Iran, whose strict Islamic laws forbid drinking. The

invention of wine would not have been taxing. The site where the pot was found, is called Hajji Firuz Tepe, lies within the ancient zone where the wild grape grew and pollen grains from sediment in nearby Lake Urmia show that the source of the resin, Pistacia atlantica, also grew there.

Grapes acquire a bloom of yeast as they ripen and to start fermentation it is necessary only to break the skins and allow the yeast to come into contact with the juice. The fact that the residue was found on the side of the jar indicates that it was stored on its side, as are wine bottles today, to keep the stopper damp and seal the The research team said that

the find was particularly significant because of the impact of wine on social customs, religions and economies throughout the world. The Egyptians, who rated wines on a scale of "good", "good good", "good good good" and "sweet", are known to have been producing it by 2,500 BC, and the Ancient Greeks had an active wine trade.

The Romans were responsible for bringing grape cultiva-tion to almost all the regions of Europe famous for wine

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Nicola Maynard: working at hospital that treated her



Nicola, 15, as patient

Patient path to medicine

A WOMAN has returned to the hospital that saved her life when she was 15 — this time as a trainee doctor. Nicola Maynard, 21. was motivated to take up a medical career after doctors helped her to overcome leuknemia. She had plied doctors with

questions as she underwent chemotherapy treatment at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Bristol, Miss Maynard, now a third-year clinical medical student of Chulmleigh, Devon, said: Beating leukaemia and passing my exams gave me the belief in myself that I could become a doctor and

help people, as I was helped.
"When I went back to school I worked a lot harder and found I was quite capable and got the A-level grades I needed to do

Describing the discovery of her illness, she said: "I went for a blood test and was called back to the doctors on the same night. I had four lots of chemotherapy over the next four months."

Archbishop supports £14m centre for Bible

Plans were disclosed yester-day for a £14 million "Bible heritage centre" in York, to be opened in 1999 in what is now a derelict warehouse. Computer technology and film, video and drama displays will bring the Bible to life. The Rev Rob Richards, of St Albans diocese, thought up the idea and heads a consortium of individuals and groups including the Bi-ble Society. The Archbishop of York. Dr David Hope, sup-ports the scheme. A planning application has been submitted to York City Council and funds are being sought.

Heart girl home

Rachel Howker, II. flew home after having heart surgery in Florida, where she was on a trip to Disney World. She was holding a talking bear, given to her by Tampa Children's Hospital, Orlando, which plays tapes of breathing and physiotherapy exercises.

Player's trial

Kevin Campbell, the Nottingham Forest footballer, chose crown court trial when he appeared before the city's magistrates accused of indecently assaulting a woman aged 21 at a nightclub. His unconditional bail was extended until July 31.

Seventh victim

A seventh member of an Irish family died yesterday from burns received in a house fire last Sunday that killed his mother, two brothers and three sisters. The death of Colm Mayer, 27, was announced at their funeral in Portarlington, Co Laois.

Red not dead

Isle of Wight County Council will sling a rope bridge across a busy road next week to save red squirrels from being run over. The road divides woodland at Ryde that is a haven for some of the 1,500 red squirrels living on the island free from their grey rivals.

Smoke alarm

A 30-mile cloud of smoke caused by a fire in a plastics recycling plant near Milton Keynes drifted low over parts Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire before breaking up. Police urged people to stay indoors and seek medical

Tourism rises

There were 4.63 million overseas visitors to Britain in the first three months of the year, despite the bad weather and fears about the IRA. The figure was up 8 per cent on the same period last year, raising hopes of a record year in the tourist industry.

Chef supreme

Gerry Galvin. of Drimcong House in Molycullen. Galway, won El,000 as Guinness Irish Chef of the Year. His winning menu was smoked eel and muscle hotpot, spiced pork roast with apple and thyme cream sauce and tipsy pudding in mulled wine.

Cash for organ

The National Lonery heritage fund is giving £76,000 towards the £500,000 needed to restore an organ that Milton once played and Cromwell listened to. The Milton Organ, built for Magdalen College, Oxford, was installed in Tewkesbury Abbey in 1738.

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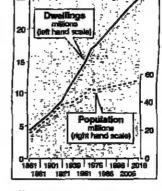
AN AGEING population and the break-up of the family are threatening the landscape of rural England, John Gum-mer, the Environment Secretary, said yesterday.

Government figures forecast that the number of households will grow by 4.4 million by 2016, leading to millions of new homes being built across the South, Mr Gummer told the Royal Town Planning Institute's annual conference. in Brighton. To meet forecasis. an area larger than greater London would be put under concrete.

Mr Gummer said the environmental threat to areas such as southeast, southern and southwest England, where experts predicted demand would be highest, was significant

and needed to be faced now. Environmental campaigners accused the Government of failing to stimulate building in inner cities or redevelop derelict land. The Government, in its 1995 White Paper Our Future Homes, set a target of building half of all new housing on urban land by 2005. Figures released last month show that the target is about to be met nearly ten years ahead of schedule, with 49 per cent of new housing being built on such sites.

Tony Burton, of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said yesterday: "The household projections ... are not a target that has to be met. A new approach to managing housing development is needed which encourages urban renewal and the provision of



affordable homes if we are to house the nation and protect the countryside."

He said there were about 800,000 empty homes in England that needed to be used before new homes were built in the countryside and called for greater use of urban land.

Environment Department officials fear that, in the South at least, the level of inner-city sites able to cope with the forecasts for new housing might be insufficient even if planning guidelines are strengthened.

Mr Gummer said popula-tion growth had stabilised but the average household was getting smaller. Family breakdown meant that, if trends continued, by 2016 only 20 per cent of households would be married couples

with children. He said planning policies were trying to steer development into inner cities rather than sites on the edge of towns or in the green belt. Environment ministers would raise the issues at centres around the country this year.

New life for man who took hair transplant on the chin By JEREMY LAURANCE

A MAN taunted with the nickname Scarface since he was badly burnt in a childhood accident has had a pioneering £4,000 beard transplant to hide his disfig-

Glenn Yates, 32. suggested the idea after seeing adverts for hair transplants for bald-ing men. Yesterday he said: "it's wonderful. My confidence is coming back and I can lead a normal life."

ured chin.

The accident happened when he set a scarf on fire as he played with matches as a four-year-old. He had six months in hospital and two years of operations to graft skin onto his lower face. The other kids called me

all manner of names." said Mr Yate, a Channel ferry chef."I left school when I was 16 and thought that things might get better but they didn't. Adults were just as cruel." After qualifying as a chef. be found it difficult to



as a four-year-old

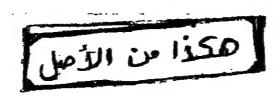
get a job. At one restaurant, the boss told him he would have to see if the waitresses would accept him: "It made me feel like a weirdo and f walked out after a week."

After experts said nothing could be done about his scars, he paid for the beard clinic. At first it was not certain whether hairs from the side of his head would grow in the facial scar tissue on his face, but results of the first treatment session were promising. After two years, his beard is almost complete. Dr Bessam Farjo, who

carried out the treatment at the Farjo Medical Centre, said: "No one has ever attempted a beard transplant before. Glenn originally approached us after he saw an advert in a paper for a normal hair transplant."

The procedure involves taking a strip of scalp Icm wide by 7cm long from the back or side of the head. which yields several hundred grafts. The strip is dissected into grafts 2mm wide, carrying one or two hairs each. which are slotted into tiny

incisions in the chin. Mr Yates has undergone five operations over two years but not all the grafts have taken. He is expected to need another two.



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HOME NEWS

Police say FA has failed to keep rival Euro 96 fans segregated

THE police co-ordinator for Euro 96 gave a warning yesterday that control of ticket sales had failed, increasing the risk of clashes in grounds between rival fans.

Malcolm George said it was "of great concern" to police that the rigid segregation of fans originally envisaged did not appear to have materialised. There was also worry about plans by the Football Assocation to sell tickets on match days.

Mr George said there were further worries that the behaviour of the England team on a flight home from the Far East had set a bad example. "Any incident or alleged incident affecting any of the national squads does not reflect well and does not help the situation when it is only days away from the competition."

The FA denied its new policy would affect segregation and said that the only tickets available would be in neutral areas of grounds. Police fear

cameras that can be raised up to 30ft will be used for the first time in Britain by Greater Manchester Police monitoring Euro 96. The Skyhawk has nine cameras which can film different angles simulta-

that rival groups of fans could get into these areas. Commanders are also afraid that the new rule on tickets could create unexpected crowd-control problems outside stadiums for officers and stewards. Fans may try to rush the entrances to get to their seats or to

climb in if they do not get tickets. Mr George, Assistant Chief Consta-ble of Greater Manchester, one of eight host cities, said: "It is of great concern to us that segregation as we initially hoped will not be the case. We are concerned that because we support the policy of segregated accommodation the opportunities for free association are significant because of the potential

be authorised to stop and search people. Chief Supt Peter Harris said: "We hope visitors will be able to go about their business in a safe way. But if necessary we will take very positive action."

for violence. It means that we have to deploy, we have to be extra vigilant in managing and monitoring."

Mr George said there was anxiety about tickets appearing on the black market. "It means they are accessible to people we do not want there." Detective Chief Inspector Bryan Drew, who heads the football hooligan intelligence operation, said that tickets from other countries that had not taken up their allocations were appearing on the black market. The spare tickets were on offer in Europe and Britain. Police had discovered that Turkish tickets were circulating. Mr George said that talks about controlling ticket sales

for no tickets to be sold on the day of a game but commercial pressures meant tickets were now going on sale. Segregation made it easier for commanders to manage the crowds, he said. Now forces would have to put more officers into stadiums.

Yesterday the FA said that tickets would be available for sale at grounds in the days before a match for England fans to watch foreign games. No tickets will be sold at the grounds on the day of a game but local clubs can sell tickets on the day from city-centre sites. Anyone wanting tickets will have to

prove their identity and to be resident in Britain. If the ticket-holder or someone with the ticket misbehaves in the ground the police and club will be able to check records and investigate them. There could be instances where a few partisan supporters entered neutral areas of grounds.

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Malcolm George: fears that rival fans will gain

entry to neutral sections of the match grounds

England v Switzerland is sold out — unless you can spare £225

AND RAGWALD MARTEL

BLACK-MARKET tickets for England's opening games in the Euro 96 football tournsment are being offered for up to £400 a pair. Inquiries by

The Times confirmed fears that illegal sales could be putting security arrange-

One tout operating from an office in Southwark said yesterday that this week he had sold his stock of 68 tickets for the opening match between England and Switzerland at Wembley on Saturday, long officially sold out.

The tout earlier offered a pair of tickets with a face value of £55 each for £225 each, and the pair for £400. He said he would be getting a further supply for the match, and that black-market tickets for the other England matches - against Scotland on June 15 and against Holland on June 18 - would be available next week. He did not ask

about the nationality of would be purchasers but said they would be sitting among England supporters. Other inquiries secured the

offer of tickets for £125 for the Switzerland game from an agency advertising in national newspapers; another of-fered a pair for £325. Neither of these sources

sought to discover the nationality of purchasers. They thus jeopardised plans to segregate supporters. Suppliers are also defying the Euro 96 policy of limiting ticket applications to four per person and

of including the holder's name on each ticket.

Police are preparing for the danger that rival fans might be sitting next to each other. Fans have been allowed to buy tickets only from national federations, sitting with fellow nationals. It is not known where the touts are getting their tickets. However, it is believed that surplus tickets are coming from overseas feder-

who cannot dispose of them. The only legal outlets for tickets in England are the Euro 96 Hotline, the eight

ations and travel operators

corporate hospitality agen-cies. Of 1.4 million tickets for the tournament, only 140,000 remain unsold. Vetting of ticket applications has led to 2.000 multiple applications

being rejected by Euro 96. Andrew Walpole, a Euro 96 spokesman, said: "There is no widespread black market and recent evidence suggests we have beaten the touts." This year, fewer black-market tickets had been sold at the Cup Final because the police had greater powers, and he was confident about security.

Women hope to get away from it all

By RUSSELL JENKINS

ONE woman in six who is travelling abroad this week-end has timed her holiday to escape from the saturation television coverage of Euro 96, according to a survey.

The survey, carried out for the travel insurance company Home and Overseas, discloses that many women who would normally travel abroad for their holidays have deliberately chosen the three weeks of the competition. Even more men - one in five, according to the poll - have arranged their holidays so they can stay home and watch the tournament on television.

Sarah Joannides, marketing manager for Home and Overseas, said: "One man's meat is clearly another man's poison. But in either case, Euro 96 could be a real boost for the UK tourist industry, both

home and away." Travel agents will have warned those going abroad that they will have to go a long way for a football-free holiday. The championship is being televised in 190 countries. Thomas Cook advises a cruise in the Norwegian fjords for remoteness and the fact that Norway failed to qualify for the competition. Lunn Poly suggests an Alaskan cruise. ☐ The charter airline Leisure International is to issue cabin staff with handcuffs to restrain violent and drunken passengers this summer.

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The Question

The Referendum Party welcomes the Referendum Bill to be brought before the House of Commons on Tuesday, 11th June, by cross-party pro-referendum MPs.1

In the Bill, the wording for the proposed Ballot paper for the referendum is:

Preamble:

The United Kingdom Government, as a continuing member of the European Community and the European Union, is in the course of negotiations for the revision of the Treaty of European Union.

The Question:

"DO YOU WANT THE UNITED KINGDOM TO PROPOSE AND INSIST ON IRREVERSIBLE CHANGES IN THE TREATY ON EUROPEAN UNION SO THAT THE U.K. RETAINS ITS POWERS OF GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT PART OF A FEDERAL EUROPE NOR OF A EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION, INCLUDING A SINGLE CURRENCY?"

this question addresses the fundamental national L issue: do the people wish the UK, as a continuing member of the EU, to be part of a European federal superstate into which Europe's nations would be merged. Or, do they insist that the UK be a continuing member of the EU which would be a family of sovereign nations with institutions based on the principle of political co-operation. That is to say a Europe of Nations.

A Referendum is necessary because the leadership of the Labour and Lib-Dem parties embrace, with enthusiasm, the concept of a federal Europe. For its part, the Government, despite its words, has allowed the accelerating transfer of national sovereignty to Brussels. So electors have never been granted a choice.

The government is not credible when it claims that

there will be no federal Europe for so long as it is in power.

This is the government that agreed and signed the federalist Treaty of Maastricht and forced it through Parliament. Its members in the European Parliament are allied to a party, the European People's Party, whose written proposals state: "Our aim is a Union built on the principles of federalism". In other words, it proposes a federal European superstate.

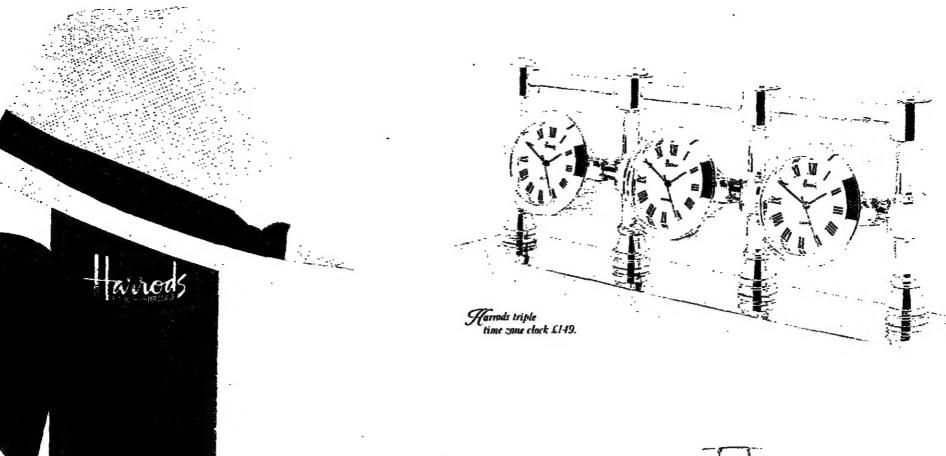
As Britain's foremost constitutionalist, A.V. Dicey, wrote: "the main use of the Referendum is to prevent the passing of any important Act which does not command the sanction of the electors".2 "The Referendum supplies... the best, if not the only possible, check upon ill-considered alterations in the fundamental institutions of the country"3

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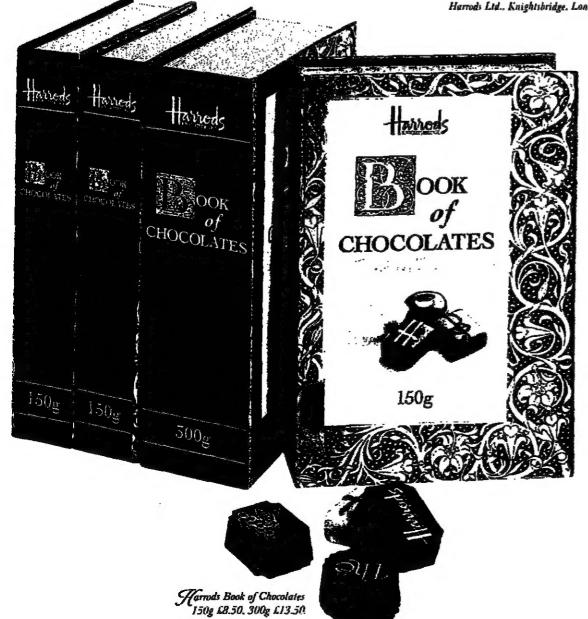
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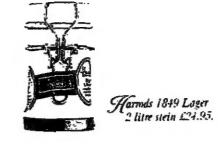


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School's slip forces board to issue new A-level paper

By David Charter, education correspondent

HUNDREDS of A-level has been suspended, but that chemistry papers have been withdrawn from schools across the country after a teacher let pupils sit the ex-

amination early.

An urgent replacement for the one-hour paper was ordered by the University of Oxford Delegacy for Local Examinations after it received seven completed scripts three weeks before the scheduled test date. The teacher at West Denton High School in Newcastle upon Tyne has been suspended while the

school investigates.

Jennifer Slater, head of the 600-pupil school, said she would prepare a report for governors who would decide whether the unnamed teacher should be disciplined. The seven students should have taken the chemistry exam on June 14 but instead they were told to sit it on May 21.

The board said the correct date was clearly marked on the envelope containing the papers. It decided to recall the 569 papers sent out to 59 schools to avoid any risk of other candidates learning of the questions in advance. Next year's paper is being sent by special delivery to every centre this week, but the scripts of the West Denton pupils will not be disqualified. Ms Slater said: "The teacher

is a normal procedure and you should not read too much into that, I don't think this was a deliberate thing. I think it was more of an accident.

"As far as the students are concerned this is not a bungle. Their exam papers will not be affected. Their performances will not be jeopardised in any way. This is a very tense time for the students and we don't want to add to the pressure they are under."

Ms Slater denied pupils were disadvantaged by the incident. "I accept the students could have lost three weeks of revision time but once they received their exam timetables they revised accordingly. In one sense, taking the paper carly may prove a bonus because it now frees them to concentrate on other subjects,"

Michael Sharp, director of the examinations board, said: "Although only seven people sat this written part it was seven too many. They could have known people from other schools due to sit the same paper, so we took the decision to recall the papers.

"Next year's exam paper had gone through the evaluation committee stage but had not been printed so we had to instruct the printers to get to work fast. We have had to go to a lot of extra expense."

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The bad boy who could do better — and did

By JOHN YOUNG

THE school report on the nine-year-old is scathing. He is described as "very bad . . . a constant trouble to everybody and is always in some scrape or other. The headmaster of St George's School, Ascot, writing in the spring of 1884. adds that the boy "cannot be trusted to behave himself anywhere".

The report is one of the uments, letters and photographs illustrating and recording the life of Sir Winston Churchill that go on display today in London. They are a selection from the million items held by the Churchill Archives Centre in Cambridge. It is the first time most of

them have been shown publicly since the collection was acquired for the nation in April last year with the help of a £13,250,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The exhibition will run at the Public Records Office museum in Chancery Lane until October 4.
Exhibits are arranged in

chronological order, from Churchill's early childhood and schooldays, through his time as a young soldier, his long and colourful political career, his wartime premiership and his role as elder statesman during the Cold War, to the final pomp of the state funeral in January 1965. They range from the typewritten texts of his wartime speeches to family letters and tomestie billis.

Visitors can see his commission by Queen Victoria as

Young Winston, at the age of six

Hussars on February 12, 1895. and a telegram from his brother Jack to his mother informing her of Winston's capture after his train was ambushed in South Africa.

After the war his involvement as Home Secretary in the siege of Sidney Street was followed by his role in helping to publish the British Gazette during the General

His marriage to Clemen-tine Hozier and their setting up house at Chartwell. Kent, was an idyllic episode. A letter written to Clementine on their first wedding anniversary describes her as "my lovely white pussy-cat" and hopes that she has had no

A few months earlier Churchill had received a letter

then going under the name of Aircraftman Shaw, protesting at the attentions of the press. Lawrence asked Churchill if an approach could be made to Esmond Harmsworth, the new chairman of the Newspaper Proprietors' Council, adding: "I blacked the eye of one photographer last Sunday and had to escape over the back of the hedge."

In a letter to the Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin, at the time of the Abdication, Churchill relates: "I dined with His Majesty last night ... HM appeared to be under the very greatest strain and near breaking point. He had two marked and prolonged 'blackouts' in which he com-pletely lost the thread of his

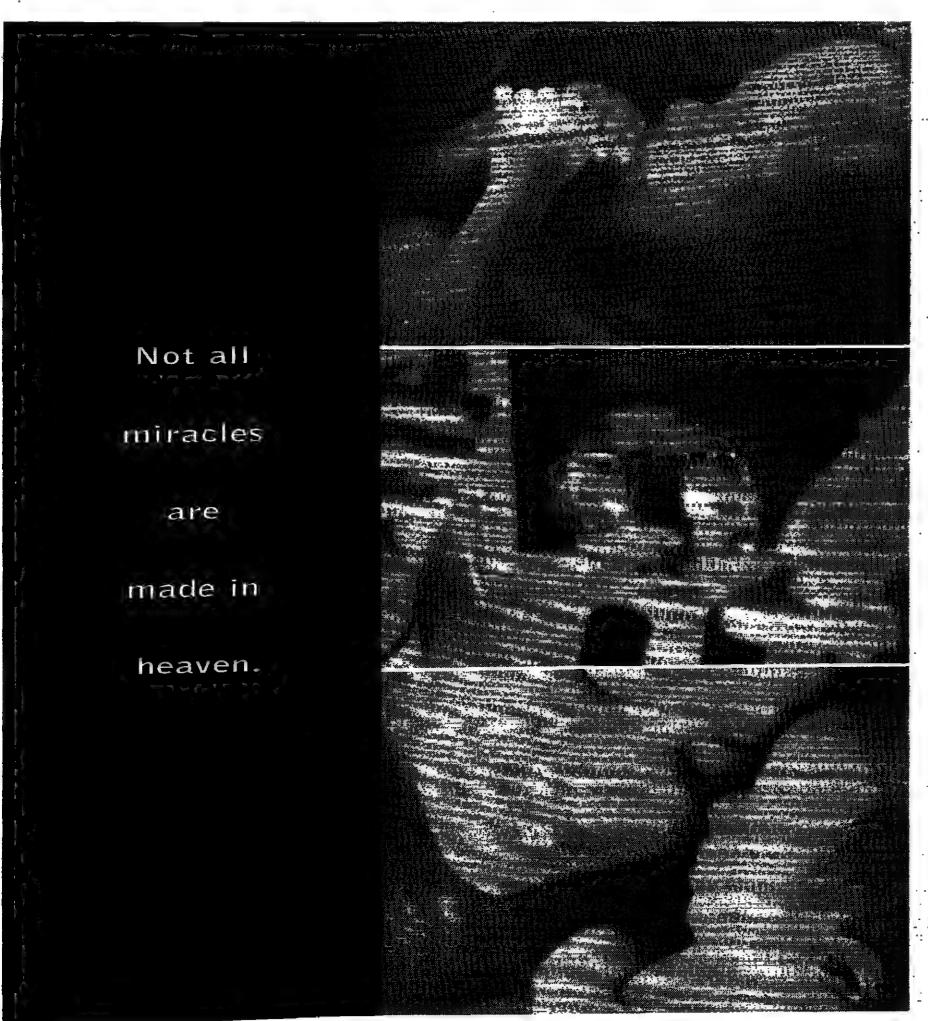
A letter to Roosevelt in October 1941 predicts that the President has two months of respite in the Far East: "The Jap situation is definitely worse"; Pearl Harbor was

attacked on December 7. Some of the more mundane items on show include a 1935 bill from his wine merchants for £256.15s for champagne, port, sherry, brandy,

whisky and hock.

A letter to London Zoo expresses thanks for the gift of a lion "on the condition that I do not have to feed it or take care of it. You are quite I do not want the lion at the moment either at Downing Street or at Chequers, owing to the ministerial calm which prevails there."

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A picture of health for generations

Bridge transports long-suffering drivers to Severn heaven

BY ALAN HAMILTON

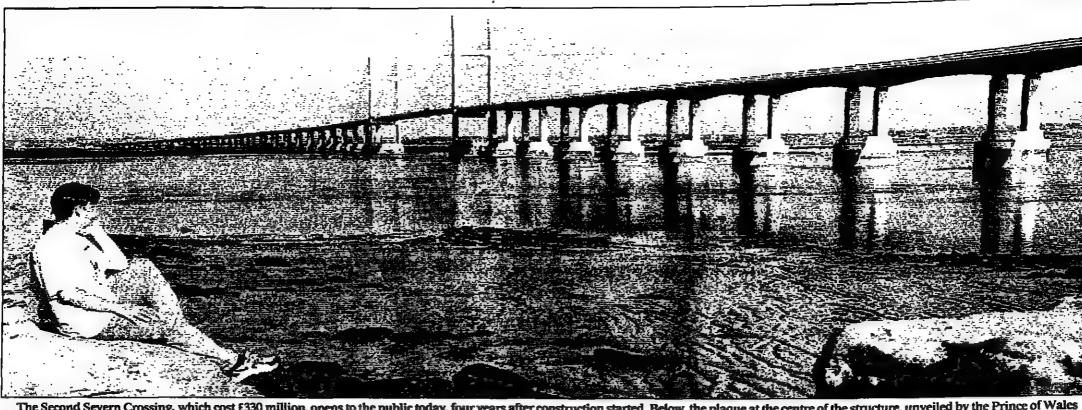
THE Prince of Wales yesterday opened the first bridge linking England directly with his principality, which will shave three miles and much frustration off the journey from London to Cardiff.

Built and operated by an Anglo-French consortium with £330 million of private capital, the Second Severn Crossing was completed on time, within budget and with no loss of life. Described by Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, as a combination of engineering and elegance, the bridge is the longest in Britain at three miles including its approach

Nearly three quarters of the traffic crossing the Severa bridge rather than its 30-yearold upstream sister, which suffers from congestion and closure during high winds. The original bridge, which strictly speaking leaps from one Gloucestershire shore to another before crossing the Wye into Wales, has carried 300 million vehicles.

Police, alerted by the demonstration which drove the Queen out of Aberystwyth last Friday, mounted a huge security operation yesterday and sealed off the bridge on both shores. But in Gwent, where only 2 per cent of the population are Welsh speakers, there was little sign of nationalist fervour, only a grumbling about the

Old and new Severn bridges charge £3.80 for a car and £11.50 for a lorry to enter Wales, although the return to viaducts rest on the English Stones reef, failed to catch on. Yesterday, to the accompatible official one flying beside the Union flag and the con-



The Second Severn Crossing, which cost £330 million, opens to the public today, four years after construction started. Below, the plaque at the centre of the structure, unveiled by the Prince of Wales

England is free. The crossing is the third most expensive in Britain after the Humber and Skye bridges.

No one was able to think of a suitable name for the bridge and it is stuck for good with its working title. A Welsh suggestion that it be named Ail Bont Hafren (Severn Island Bridge), because some of the piers of the

dreds of children and a 21gun salute, the Prince first cut a ribbon at the English abutment. At the centre of the bridge be unveiled a com-memorative plaque in English and Welsh before an identical ribbon-cutting at the Welsh abutment. At both ceremonies the national anthem and the children's flags were identical; Land Of My

struction company's flag in the centre of the structure. In what may be seen as a minor concession, the toli booths on the new bridge, unlike the old, are situated on the Welsh side.

The elegance of the new bridge cannot conceal some failings in the project. The M49 loop, which will link the M5 to the M4 at the bridge and bring Cardiff 13 miles nearer to Bristol, is behind schedule and will not open until the end of this month.

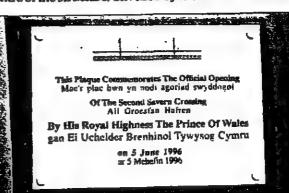
Motoring organisations are also unhappy at the steep tolls. The RAC said yesterday that the bridge would do nothing to stop the 1.000 vehicles a day, mostly heavy lorries, that enter Wales by

the byways of Gloucester-shire to avoid paying tolls. The bridge was due to open to the public in the early hours of this morning after workmen had painted white Almost the last, and certainly

on being handed the ceremonial scissors by two local children, gave them each a penny in an ancient tradition that is said to prevent the recipient from being stabbed. The French, equal partners

was paid by the Prince who,

in the project, hardly got a look-in yesterday. The Prince led dignitaries to a marquee where they toasted the open-ing in Welsh sparkling wine from the most northerly chardonnay vineyard, a grape picker's spit from the bridge.



University board backs tobacco sponsorship

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

SENIOR academics at Cambridge University have recommended accepting a £1.6 million donation from one of the world's biggest tobacco firms, but dons will make the final decision.

Next month 3.300 staff are to vote on whether a chair in international relations should be established in the name of Sir Patrick Sheehy, former chairman of BAT Industries.

Sir David Williams, Cambridge's Vice-Chancellor, has received almost 200 objections from health campaigners outside the university. Several prominent academics, including the university's senior medical academic, Sir Kelth Peters, the Professor of Physic. lodged personal complaints at a meeting last week.

The university announced yesterday that its General Board had "no hesitation" in recommending acceptance of the offer but said: "Acceptance was not and is not seen as constituting any endorsement of the products or the corporate policies of the company.

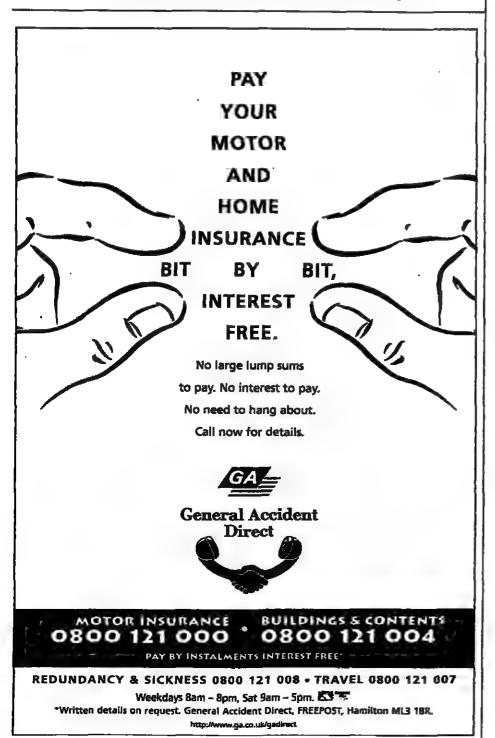
The official account in the Cambridge University Report-er explains that the Centre for International Studies was in the process of seeking funds strengthening its academic activities: "The offer of funding from BAT Industries was therefore very opportune at a time when the board have many competing claims from faculties and departments."

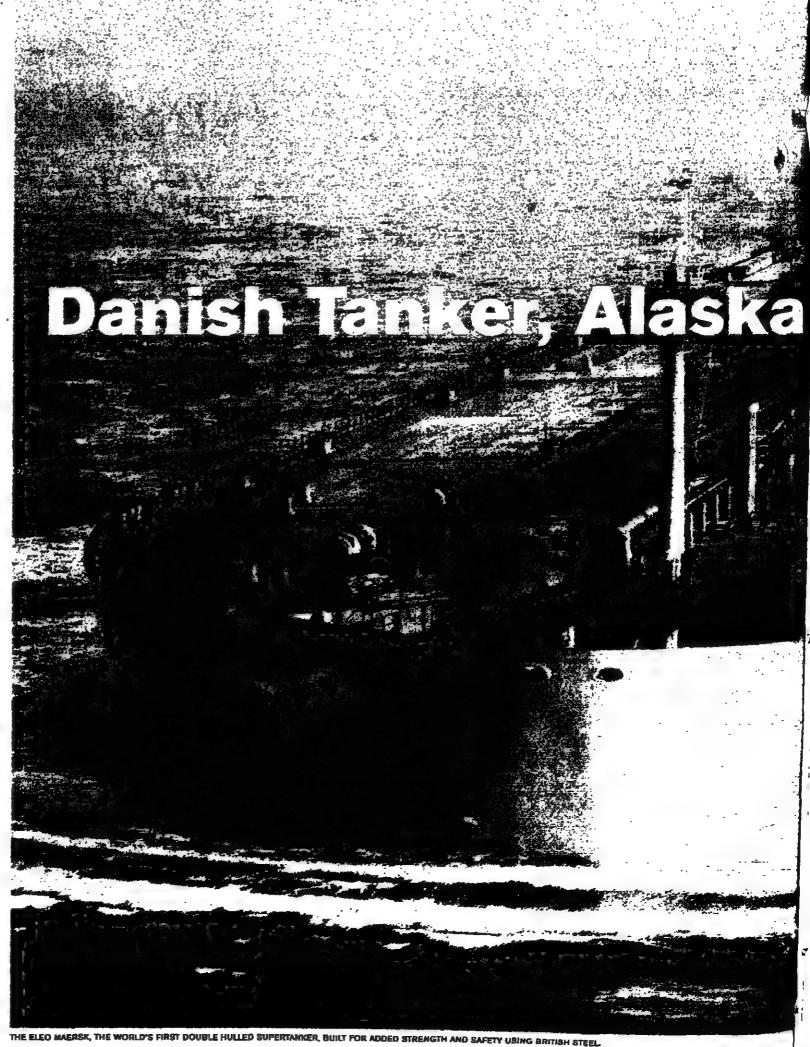
During last week's meeting, Sir Keith said: "Tobacco is a major health problem in all countries and control of cigarette smoking is the single most powerful opportunity for pre-ventative medicine in the developed world. I greatly regret that I seem to be opposing the acquisition of funds which will benefit as worthy a cause as international relations. would have warmly welcomed

my judgment the cost to the university is too great." The chair would be named

after Sir Patrick to mark his retirement as chairman of BAT industries and pay tribute to his support of Cambridge University. The company's current chairman. Lord Cairns, said: "The board is delighted to be able to honour Pat Sheehy's immense contributions in the field of international relations and the role he played in saving the Library and transferring it to Cambridge."

Dons vote on about five issues a year, but normally formal request has been made. The university council has decided to short-circuit the process this time because of the strength of feeling on the issue. The result should be funding for this cause, but in known on July 19.





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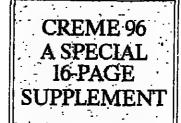


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Drought-plagued water company raises profits 14.2%

Yorkshire in £140m share buyback plea

YORKSHIRE Water, which has been severely criticised for not investing more on improving water supply to customers, is to seek fresh approval to spend at least £140 million on a share

Yorkshire's plans to secure the consent of shareholders to buy back up to 10 per cent of its shares were disclosed as the company reported a 14.2 per cent rise in annual profits and increased dividends by 12.2

The company, which came under sustained attack last year for mishandling the sum-mer drought, made £162.2 million in pre-tax profits in the year to March 3lagainst £142 million in the previous year.

Labour savaged Yorkshire, claiming it was raking in profits while delivering an appalling performance. Frank Dobson, Shadow Environment Secretary, said: "Under this Government, the privatised companies are allowed to get away with anything - rip off customers, leak one-third of their water, damage the environment — yet they're not properly regulated and they

pay next to no tax." Earlier this week Ofwat, the water industry regulator, imposed a price cap on Yorkshire as punishment for its poor customer record. The share buyback scheme will anger consumers who feel the money might be better spent on

improving water supply. Yesterday, Brandon Gough, Yorkshire's new chairman. said that a share buyback would not be launched at the moment because of customer considerations. "We thought it

wasn't appropriate to do so today. The principle aim is to restore customer confidence." Mr Gough joined the company six weeks ago. Brian Wilson, finance direc-

tor, said a buyback within the next month would be "heroic in the extreme". But he indicated that if customer confidence was restored this year a buyback could then proceed.

Yorkshire Water, which has one of the worst leakage rates in the country, is to invest an extra £12 million this year in leakage detection. Although it spent £47 million last year on the tankering operation from the Tees to Yorkshire, the company denied that the leakage spend was small.

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Kevin Bond, head of water services, said that the company would only reduce leakage "to a level at which it is economic to do so". He said: "We need to understand leaks more before we assign more money. The level of understanding in the industry is quite low." The company's current leakage is 29 per cent but Mr Bond said it will be reduced substantially when this year's figure is reported

later this year. The company is estimating a current rate of 26 per cent. Ofwat's target is 24 per cent, which would represent leakage from the system of less than 370 mega litres a day. A million gallons is equal to 4.5

mega litres. The company pledged to deliver dividend growth of cent and said it would use debt to fund some dividend payment. The company has gear ing of 12 per cent but said it wanted to raise the level to between 30 per cent and 40 per

cent over the next few years.
The dividend payment this year has been lifted 12.3 per cent, taking the total to 31p. Its long term plans are to reduce dividend cover from three times to two times.

The company acknowledged that failure last year had resulted in a poor public

Mr Bond said that Yorkshire agreed with much of the sharply critical Ofwat report into its conduct during the drought and that of its own, independently conducted, inquiry. He said the company learned from its failures and was able to guarantee supplies this year even if

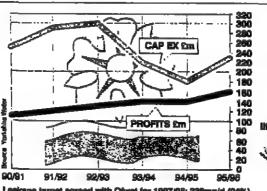
rainfall is less than in 1995. The regulator's report into the company's conduct resulted in a two-year price cap starting next year, which means it can raise its prices to domestic customers onlyby the rate of inflation. At present it is able to impose prices at the rate of inflation plus 2.5

IBCA, the European credit rating agency, has put York-shire's short-term rating of Al plus and long-term rating of AA minus on watch with negative implications because of the regulator's move.

Yorkshire has injected £170 million into improving river supplies from the north and enabling pump transference of water from east to west in



Brandon Gough, chairman, said the principle aim was to improve customer confidence



% OF WATER IN THE SYSTEM

LEAKAGE

BBA bid interest in Lucas threatens Varity tie

By Alasdair Murray

BBA GROUP, the engineering company, looks set to launch a takeover bid worth up to £2.65 billion for Lucas Industries, which could scupper the planned Lucas merger with Varity Corporation.

In a Stock Exchange announcement yesterday, BBA admitted that it was interested in bidding for Lucas. But there was also continuing speculation that another party might enter the fray, with Landesmann and Linde, two German companies, tipped to launch a counter-bid. Sie-

mens, also from Germany, has ruled itself out of any bid.
Lucas immediately claimed a bid from BBA offered no industrial logic and would overstretch that company's financial resources. Concerns over BBA's ability to fund a deal caused its shares to fall 21 2p to 295 2p, while Lucas shares rose 8p to 254p. BBA is valued at £1.2 billion, little more than half of Lucas's £2.2 billion market capitalisation.

An all-shares bid is unlikely to find favour with the City, putting pressure on BBA to offer a mixture of cash-andshares worth between 270p

and 300p per Lucas share.
The £3.2 billion Lucas-Varity tie-up, which was an-nounced last Friday, had received strong support from the City. But analysts believe the 15 major institutions that control around 60 per cent of Lucas's share capital could still be swung by a good bid premium.

phasise the advantages of a merger between its frictionbraking division and Lucas's braking business.

There has been speculation that BBA will sell Lucas's aerospace and electrical divisions to raise around £600

million to help to fund the bid.

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BUSINESS TODAY

Interest rate change unlikely

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, met Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England yesterday to discuss interest rates. Few in the City are expecting the Bank to signal a change in rates today. The meeting went on for longer hours - prompting some speculation that the two cannot agree on policy. But it is as likely to reflect the difficulty of judging the direction of the economy at a time when manufacturing is very weak but consumer sectors are picking up. The Chancellor is to meet his advisers soon to discuss

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Sears report under fire for | Littlechild puts hitch 'inaccuracies' on Facia

By Jason Nissé

THE board of Sears, the retail group, is to come under pressure from institutional shareholders angry about perceived inaccuracies in its annual

These relate to the relationship of Sears with Stephen Hinchliffe's Facia Group, which collapsed over the weekend. Sears sold five shoe chains to Facia, incurring a loss of £54.2 million, and has made a further £25 million provison to cover the group's collapse.

The Sears report reached shareholders on Friday, the day Facia was put into administration. It was printed on the Wednesday, six days after Sears started talking to Alan Barrett, an insolvency partner at Price Waterhouse, about

pulling the plug on Facia. Leading investors are pointing to three statements in the accounts, audited by Price Waterhouse, which charged £900,000 for the audit. In his review. David Defty.

finance director, says: "Sears has sold Freeman Hardy Willis. Trueform. Manfield, Saxone [and] Curtess . . . eliminating our exposure to losses in these businesses." In the notes to the accounts. Sears refers to those businesses as sold" in note 3 and in note 20

One leading shareholder told The Times: "These are not precise statements. One starts wondering what else might not be precise."

as "disposed of".

Mr Defty defended the accounts, saying they were signed off by the auditors on May 15 and Sears only became concerned that Facia may be hitting problems after reports that Mr Hinchliffe may be

investigated by the Department of Trade and Industry. which did not appear until the

next weekend. He said the question of withdrawing or amending the accounts did not arise becuase the auditors would not have Mr Defty did admit that, on

15 May, Facia owed Sears £5.5 million, of which £800,000 was overdue. This came from the supply contract between the two companies which led to Sears providing much of Facia's management services.

The accounts are for the year to January 31. The sale of Saxone did not take place until February 3. Mr Defty said that including the sale in a year that had ended four days previously was "an accounting convention which everybody

in Energy flotation

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

plus flotation of British Energy may be forced to rewrite the nuclear power operator's pathfinder prospectus just days before its publication after a surprise intervention from the industry regulator.

The prospectus, to be published on Monday, may have to be reworded as lawyers for British Energy determine the implications of Professor Stephen Littlechild's proposal to reduce prices to Scottish consumers and other suppliers.

Professor Littlechild's statement, which calls on Scottish Power and Hydro-Electric to cut electricity prices and ease the entry of newcomers into the Scottish market, has been challenged by the companies. They say his statement means the nuclear energy agreement, which obliges them to buy electricity from Scottish

ADVISERS to the £1.5 billion- Nuclear at predetermined prices, must be rewritten. The news comes a day after emerged that Professor Littlechild will be subjected to

a gagging order for four months after the nuclear sale to protect the share price from regulatory moves. The nuclear energy agree-ment between Scottish Power, Hydro-Electric and Scottish

Nuclear - owned by British Energy - accounts for half or the energy market in Scotland. Professor Littlechild has ordered a cut in Scottish Power and Hydro-Electric prices. The English and Welsh generators and regional elec-tricity companies have less than 10 per cent of the competi-

tive industrial market, which

they blame on the inability to

buy electricity cheaply.

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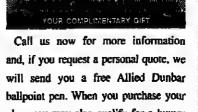
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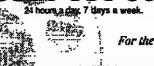
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Courtaulds Textiles chief forced to quit By Jon Ashworth



Jervis: "change of leadership"

NOEL JERVIS has been forced to step down as chief executive of Courtaulds Textiles, the clothing and fabric manufacturer which supplies Marks and Spencer. The move, which caught the City unawares, comes after two profits warnings in five months, and could leave Mr Jervis. 51, in line for £500,000

in compensation. Discussions over Mr Jervis's future came to a head this week. He left the company yesterday, and was not available for comment. His removal was agreed individually with each of the company's directors, and the matter was not put to the vote. His successor is Colin Dyer, 43, who has been responsible for branded and

John Eccles, chairman, confirmed that Mr Jervis had not left voluntarily, saying: "He has been going along at a great pace, and would have liked to have continued. Captains get changed from time to time. We needed a change of leadership."

Mr Eccles telephoned institutional investors to break the news, which was announced in a terse statement shortly before 4pm. Shares in Courtaulds Textiles closed 1p lower at 378p.

Mr Eccles said: "Life has been tightening up on textile companies and not getting any easier. To have good ideas and good strategies is fine. but you really have to get on with that

Steps to remove Mr Jervis began

early in May, soon after the company gave warning of a "substantial" fall in first-half profits. The shares fell 45p to 373p on the news, which was blamed on difficult trading conditions in America. About 700 UK jobs have been lost since the company issued its first profits warning in December. Courtaulds said strategy would remain unchanged, but the pace of progress would be accelerated.

Mr Jervis had spent 32 years with the company, and was made chief executive in January 1994. He was on a base salary of up to £250.000. fixed on a two-year rolling contract, leaving him eligible for compensation of up to £500,000, on which an announcement will be made in due course.

CBI criticises 'semi-detached' role of British Government in Europe

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders yesterday attacked the UK's "semi-detached" role in Europe, and insisted that business needed Britain to be at the heart of the European Union.

In a series of strongly pro-European statements, leaders of the Confederation of British Industry vigorously put the case from business for the UK to play a full part in Europe. While some business leaders strongly pro-European stance does not fully reflect British business opinion — especially small business — CBI leaders attacked the "hostile attitude" to Europe of some politicians and parts of the media.

The CBI is to poll members again on their attitude to Europe, which will be a central feature of its annual conference in Harrogate this year. Niall FitzGerald, chairman designate of Unilever and chairman of the CBI's Europe

late Eighties, before the society

moved to make its lending

He did not envisage a

similar increase in reposses-

sions in the current financial year because rising house

prices encourage borrowers to

stay in their homes and repay

Mr Davis was reporting an

increase in the society's profits

to £459.3 million from £345.4

million, a larger-than-expect-

ed rise. Gross assets increased

by 7.4 per cent to £38.38

The cost-to-income ratio, a

key measure of building society efficiency, improved for the

eighth successive year, from 48.1 per cent to 44.5 per cent.

Reinforcing the society's view that repossessions will be fall-

ing in the future was a 30 per

cent decline in the total of

mortgage accounts more than

☐ West Bromwich Building

Society, which claims to be

determinedly independent de-

spite a recent merger approach from its larger neighbour. Birmingham Midshires, reported an 82 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £9 million to £16.5 mil-

lion. A spokesman attributed

the rise to increased efficiency.

The society, the 18th-largest,

continues to face claims aris-

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criteria more rigorous.

that Britain would be better off withdrawing, insisting that "careless talk of Britain leaving the EU will cost jobs". He told the launch in London of the CBI's new

Business in Europe campaign: The UK's increasingly semi-detached role in Europe is ironic, because we are winning the debates on competitiveness, on deregulation and the continued opening-up of the single market. There is a grave risk that we will be

sacrificing these hard-won gains as we pander, for cheap cheers, to those who regret the passing of Victorian Britain."

Mr FitzGerald led the CBI's call for an early end to the Government's policy of non-

The CBI's statement marked a significant about-turn for the confederation, which two weeks ago was insisting publicly that the Government's policy would not harm business in the UK. Sir Colin Marshall, the CBI's

then as a "spat", provoking eaders that such a response, while supportive of the Government, might not accurately be reflecting the full range of British business views.

But yesterday he recanted publicly, endorsing Mr Fitz-Gerald's consistent line, and

said he was not talking about the past, but looking forward to the future of Europe. Sir David Simon, chairman of BP, fully welcomed the across Europe, while Sir lain Vallance, chairman of BT, insisted that Europe was the "home market" not just for BT but for much of British

☐ The CBI yesterday published a new statement on Europe in the form of a business agenda for the InterGovermental Conference, insisting that Europe's competitiveness had to be at the centre of any decisions made about the EU's future.

Lean spell ends at Shanks & **McEwan**

BY PAUL DURMAN

AN UPBEAT Shanks & McEwan reported a 34 per cent improvement in its annu-al pre-tax profits, reaching a total of £19.5 million. Michael Averill, chief executive of the waste management group, said he was very pleased with the results after several diffi-

Much of the advance came from the sale of the loss-making construction business, which was based in Glasgow. Although the group lost £4.4 million on the disposit £4.4 million on the disposit £4.5 million on the disp al, the bulk of this was covered by a previously made provision. Before exceptionals, group profits rose by a more modest 20 per cent.

The main waste business made a profit of £22.1 million (£21.5 million). Mr Averill said the company sacrificed sales, which fell marginally to £95.7 million, to implement "quite aggressive" price rises. It also absorbed £4 million of costs mainly relating to expensive landfill space acquired from Hanson in 1993, and overcame the impact of bad

Rechem, the group's haz-ardous waste incinerator, has returned to profit, making £418,000 (£388,000 loss) despite a lack of help from Government policy. Mr Averill was encouraged by recent Government proposals on the import and export of waste, but does not expect a new waste disposal regime to be in place for another two

Shanks & McEwan, whose finance director is David Downes, expects to be able to pass on to its customers the landfill tax that the Government will impose from Octo-ber. A final dividend of 24p increases the total to 3.6p a share, a 9 per cent increase.

THE first merchant ships to be built at Barrow for 30 years are being constructed at a loss, VSEL, the shipbuilding company, has said in a message to its workers during current pay negotiations. The yard, until recently, was mainly devoted to the construction of nuclear submarines and is diversifying. It is building two double-skinned coastal tankers at a cost of £15 million for a local

by Hanson, will become the fourth largest generator at the power stations with an output of 4,000 megawatts from National Power. The agreement is expected to trigger a has tried to prise guidelines from the industry regulator.

THE TAKEOVER of Midlands Electricity by General Public Utilities of New Jersey and Cinergy of Ohio has been approved by the Government. The US utilities jumped in to bid for Midlands after Ian Lang. President of the Board of

POWERGEN yesterday completed the share buy-back programme it set in train last month after selling its 21 per cent stake in Midlands Electricity, the regional electricity company. The company then said that it would buy back 10 per cent of its equity and bought 4.8 per cent shortly after announcing its annual results. Yesterday it spent £181 million buying 37.5 million shares. The shares, representing 5.32 per cent of the company's equity, have

meeting in Vienna yesterday but adjourned almost immmediately until today to allow continued consultations on Iraq's partial return to the oil market. An Opec spokesman announced the adjournment shortly after Algeria's Ammar Makhloufi, the current organization president, read out his opening speech. Opec sources said the postponement reflected differences over how to handle the new situation

Repossessions increase as profits soar at Nationwide

By ANNE ASHWORTH

REPOSSESSIONS by Nationwide Building Society rose by 18 per cent in the last financial year, even though the country's fourth-largest mortgage lender enjoyed a 33 per cent rise in pre-tax profits. Nationwide, one of the few

leading building societies to reject a stock market flotation or takeover, and now a staunch defender of mutuality, refused to disclose the number of properties involved, claiming the information was commercially sensitive.

The society's tougher stance on repossessions comes against an improving outlook for house prices. Last week the Nationwide's own monthly survey claimed that prices were at their highest level since December 1991.

Brian Davis. Nationwide's chief executive, explained that many of the loans that had

United **MAI** casts eye at Blenheim

UNITED MAI, the media group, is in talks with Blenheim Group about an offer for the exhibitions company, valuing it at more than £500 million.

The announcement of a potential offer sent Blenheim shares up 70p to 409p yesterday.

This compares with a low of 174p in early 1995 when the company was hit by profit warnings. However, a source close

to Neville Buch, the chairman of Blenheim, said that he would not agree to a price of anything less than 500p a share, valuing the group at £500 million. That would deliver to

Mr Buch a personal for-tune of £26.6 million and would give the lanuzzi family a windfall of £59

Another director, Pierre Lecetre, who runs the French business, would receive £19 million.

United MAI would not confirm that it was the bidder, but its name was the only one mentioned at headquarters yesterday.

Other interested parties, including Reed Elsevier, Emap and Euromoney, are watching the situation closely, but none is expected to make an aggressive

United MAI is known to have been stalking Blenheim for more than two

In that time, Blenheim has fallen from grace in the City, where it was once one of the market's darlings. A series of profit warnings led to the ousting of Phillip Soar as the chief executive in March 1994.

However, under Stefan Svenby. the company's Swedish-born chief executive. Blenheim has rebuilt its profits and reputation. Tempus, page 28



for the elderly sold in the Eighties. These cases will go to court next year. Shanks and McEwen's Michael Averill, right, and David Downes saw improved results Pennington, page 27 DTI set to study

By ROBERT MILLER

THE Department of Trade and Industry is expected to launch a formal investigation into Fortuna Alliance, an alleged high-tech global pyramid-selling scheme on the Internet that is believed to have attracted as much as £40 million.

The American Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has already moved to have the operation closed down through the federal courts and has been granted an order temporarily freezing Fortuna's assets and halting the scheme until an application to extend the ban is heard next Monday.

The British authorities' decision to act came after it emerged that UK investors, who have handed over drafts and cheques of between £180 and £1,500 each, have signed up to the scheme, described by

Fortuna Alliance the FIC as "an electronic version of a chain letter". The Securities and Invest-

ments Board, the UK's chief City watchdog, last night said it was "aware of the company" The FTC yesterday said that it believed that Fortuna had taken £4 million from investors, of which a large proportion had been put in a bank in Antigua. It is believed that other funds have been used to buy land, possibly in Central America. One member, however, said that the figure was

probably nearer £40 million. The US watchdog said that it had been contacted by people from as far apart as New Zealand and Canada. Members who sign up to the scheme are told that their initial investment will lead to a monthly profit of £3,000.

British Gas awaits fresh price review

BRITISH GAS is bracing itself today for its second price Spottiswoode, the industry regulator, announces the price regime for its domestic

gas supply business. The review will cover Britthe company to cut gas bills and would further cut the

a review of TransCo's prices, which it said would cut £30 off the average gas bill but which British Gas said would put up to 10,000 jobs at risk. However, the City is expecting the British Gas Energy review will be less severe.

ish Gas Energy, the part of the company that supplies UK households and which is set to be demerged from TransCo, the pipeline and transport business, next year. A tough review would force

company's share price. Last month Ofgas proposed

German GDP's three-year low

product fell by half a percentage point in the first quarter of 1996, its worst performance in three years, the Federal Statistics Office reported yesterday. However, industrial production rose strongly in April.

the economics ministry said. reflecting a belief among economists and the Bonn government that recovery is in sight despite two successive weak quarters.
The 0.5 point fall in first-quarter GDP from 1995's fourth

quarter was in line with economists' forecasts and past hints from the government. The office revised the fourth quarter figure to unchanged, from a 0.5 per cent fall. The office's figures are, how-

ever, rounded to the nearest half percentage point.

GERMAN gross domestic Bundesbank data later showed that GDP fell by 0.4 per cent in the first quarter and by 0.2 per cent in the fourth quarter, meaning that Germany was in recession by the Anglo-Saxon definition. GDP was up by just 0.3 per cent in the first quarter from the same year-earlier period. the weakest rise for two years.

"The primary reason for the weak economic growth in the first quarter was an 11.8 per cent year-on-year fall in construction output, partly caused by the weather," the office said. Construction was down 7.5 per cent quarter-on-quarter. GDP in west Germany was

unchanged in the first quarter. from the fourth, but it fell by 25 per cent in the east.

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Strike-free year in coal mining for first time

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S coal mining industry was strike-free for the first time last year. new government figures show today. Even so, Britain lost 50 per cent more

working days through strikes in 1995 in a sharp reverse of falling strike trends. Ministers will claim the disappearance of strikes in coal mining in its first year in the private sector is a tribute to the Government's policy of privatisation. It has traditionally been one of Britain's most strike-prone industries, but for the first time since official figures began a century ago, official strike data show no working

days lost through strikes in coal. By contrast, the 1984-85 miners' strike caused the loss of 26.4 million working days — three fifths and two fifths respectively of the entire total of strike days in the two years. The end of strikes in coal mining, in the first year since the industry

was privatised in December 1994, marks a significant shift in British industrial relations and the UK's pattern of strikes. Overall, Britain lost 415,000 working days through strikes in 1995 compared with 278,000 in the previous year.

according to the Government's Office for National Statistics (ONS). Whitehall officials and ministers emphasised that the 1994 strike total was the lowest in the UK's history, and that 1995's figure is still historically low - 16 times lower than the annual average of 6.7 million days over the past 20 years.

The figures come as the Post Office prepares for what could be the first national strike by its staff since 1988. Royal Mail managers and leaders of the Communication Workers Union are expected to meet next week, when the PO will put forward new pay proposals as part of a pay, productivity and working practices package in an effort to avert industrial action after a ballot result this week showed a 2-1 majority in favour of a strike among voting CWU members.

Statisticians record 235 significant strikes in 1995 - again more than the 1994 and 1993 totals of 205 and 211 respectively. but again a great deal less than the average of 614 for the past ten years and 1,234 for the past 20. Twenty stoppages in 1995 accounted for more than 70 per cent of the total number of working days lost through strikes. Though most trade union strength is in manufacturing industry, today's figures show that most strike days were lost in the service sector.

☐ Commuter services in London and the South East were hit again yesterdaylor the third time by strike action over pay by employees of Stagecoach SelKent.



The 1984-85 miners' strike cost 26 million working days



TOURIST RATES

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hillsdown seeks pension fund ruling

HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS, the food group, yesterday sought a High Court ruling that it did not act unlawfully in taking an Ei8.4 million surplus from the pension fund of a meat processing company taken over by the group 13 years ago. Hillsdown is appealing against a decision by Julian Farrand, the Pensions Ombudsman, that it acted in breach of the land must represent the groups, with interest to the EMC. trust and must repay the money, with interest, to the FMC

FMC was taken over by Hillsdown in 1983. In a series of transactions, the assets of the FMC pension scheme were transferred by its trustees to a Hillsdown fund that used £1.5 million to improve the benefits payable to 2,000 FMC pensioners while the surplus of £18.4 million was paid to Hillsdown. The ombudsman intervened after complaints from pensioners, including Robert Burt and Alan Bothwell, who say the money should have gone to scheme members. The appeal hearing, set for three days, continues today.

EU ship subsidy upheld

A EUROPEAN UNION court has dismissed a request by Kahn Scheepvaart BV. a Dutch subsidiary of Jumbo Shipping of Switzerland, to annul a 1994 EU decision to clear a German shipbuilding subsidy scheme. The ruling is a major setback for the Dutch company and other European shipbuilders fighting state aid to the sector in Germany. The European Court of First Instance said the scheme was a general one and that Kahn Scheepvaart, whose main activity is the lifting and carriage by sea of heavy loads, was not individually affected.

ABC to boost ratings

ABC Television Network, which is owned by Walt Disney, is launching a multimillion-dollar marketing plan to restore ABC's ratings in America. Alan Cohen, executive president of ABC Marketing, said Disney would throw its vast marketing weight behind the ABC name, putting the logo into its stores, publications and onto licensed products, and put ABC videos in its 14,000 hotel rooms. The network is planning bigger promotions, involving new colours, new music and more stars. "ABC will be everywhere. No network will have the power of Disney. It's a marketing executive's dream." Mr Cohen said.

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IRI back in the black

IRI, Italy's state-owned industrial holding company, returned to profit in 1995 after four years of losses, but any joy about improved results was dampened by worries over the firm's debts. IRI reported a 638 billion lire (£267 million) consolidated profit last year after a 364 billion lire loss in 1994. The company has promised the European Union it will drastically cut its debt by the end of the year. But the board said the only way it could do this was by selling its majority stake in Stet, the telecommunications giant, a complex privatisation that ministers say will take time to achieve.

VSEL 'building at loss'

shipping operator, James Fisher. The experience, the company says, will help it to win further similar orders and it is confident of doing so.

Eastern Group expands

EASTERN GROUP, the regional electricity company owned end of the month after the Government agreed to it buying similar move by PowerGen. Eastern also has an agreement with PowerGen to buy plant with an output of 2,000 megawatts, but the deal has been delayed while the generator

Power bid approved

Trade, blocked a takeover move for the regional electricity company by PowerGen. GPU and Cinergy, which launched a £1.73 billion agreed bid for Midlands last month, yesterday bought more shares in the market to give them a 77 per cent controlling holding of the company.

PowerGen buyback

Opec delay over Iraq

OPEC oil ministers officially opened their regular half-yearly arising from Iraq's food-for-oil deal with the United Nations. ☐ Lucas faces block on marriage plans ☐ A rash promise from Yorkshire? ☐ Nuclear flotation thrown into uncertainty

A brake on break-up bids

☐ HOW interesting to see whether those of the great and the good who rallied around Forte when it was assailed by Granada will have similar qualms about seeing one of Britain's most important engineers sold down the river, bought in a flurry of financial

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engineering and broken up. Precious few, one suspects, if Lucas Industries goes on the auction block. The irony is twofold. First, the latest move from Granada shows that the Forte empire will not, indeed, have to be broken up. Gerry Robinson has found his way clear to keeping the hotels, rather than selling them back to their previous owner. Granada's bid may have been opportunistic, it may even, with the benefit of hindsight, have been a steal. But it was not a break-up.

The second irony is that Forte was nothing more than a collec-tion of hotels of varying quality and a chain of motorway service stations. No national interest and few exports to protect - but how the City got it in the neck for allowing it to be sold.

This column has marvelled before at the relative lack of attention paid outside the City to the Glaxo-Wellcome merger, value £9 billion, which decided the fate of the biggest player in one of Britain's leading in-dustries, pharmaceuticals, and

allowed a vital research and half Lucas's size, would be under development resource to be 'rationalised". How much less concern will be paid to a mere metal-basher, my dear, worth just £2.6 billion at the highest

plated by the market. BBA Group, a little-known but expansion-minded engineer. was, shall we put it thus, steering the market towards the idea that it had no interest in bidding for Lucas after the later agreed a merger with Varity of the US late last week. Not so; yesterday BBA was forced to admit an interest. and a bid can be expected shortly

take-out price now being contem-

if the financing is available.

Criticism has been levelled at the Varity link. George Simpson, the departing Lucas chief executive, has been accused of being too keen to stitch up a deal, any deal, before he goes on to the more prestigious GEC. But the link looks a sight more attractive than the sort of piratical break-up that could frustrate it. The customers, the big carmakers, certainly approve of the creation of a second world force to rival Bosch of Germany.

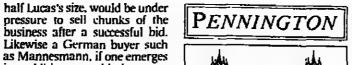
By contrast BBA, for example,

business after a successful bid. Likewise a German buyer such as Mannesmann, if one emerges in addition, would have no reason to keep, say, aerospace, The Varity alliance will take until September to complete, giving any third party plenty of time to

At the end of the day, City institutions offered E3 a share in a break-up bid will rush to accept, rather than hold Lucas shares valued at 245p once the Varity terms were announced. One can only hope fund managers have their excuses ready.

Customers take second place

☐ IN THE book of unfortunate business quotations - Norman Lamont's green shoots of recovery, Robert Maxwell's one-eyed Albanian who could see the merit of Mirror Group, even Alan Bond's conviction that he and only he could run Lonrho — Yorkshire Water has already will be different this year. Mr earned one entry. That came Gough's remarkable optimism



when Trevor Newton, former managing director, revealed that his malodorous contribution to last summer's drought was to avoid taking a bath.

Now Brandon Gough, Yorkshire's chairman, is going for a second entry. Asked why a sharp rebate to his frazzled customers should not accompany the share buyback bonanza for shareholders that he is preparing. Mr Gough insisted: "We are giving a very substantial benefit to customers now."

The burghers of West Yorkshire should remember that phrase. They were the ones who suffered last summer, and the new management is claiming that things will be different this year. Mr might one day come back to haunt him, just as surely as did Mr Lamont's. He and his new board still have much to prove. Whatever, The clear implica-

tion yesterday was that York-shire is now focusing on shareholder value rather than the customer. The £12 million extra being spent this year on preventing leakage looks insignificant by contrast with the £47 million cost of tankering water about the county last summer. But both are dwarfed by the £140 million Yorkshire is prepared to spend on buying back a tenth of its share capital.

It takes real brass neck, as its customers might put it, for Yorkshire to trumpet those latest reductions in bills they are facing. These were forced on the company by a highly critical regulator earlier this week as a punishment for earlier misdeeds. Meanwhile, even the City was surprised at the level of dividend Yorkshire was prepared to pay. The implication of this, and of the share buyback and the 30 to 40 per cent gearing the board is happy with as a result, is that the money must be

unloaded before lan Byatt or any successor to him does any more damage. He should take this as his cue, and do just that.

Man with beard strikes again

☐ HOW the Treasury's advisers must have hugged themselves as they imposed a gagging order on Stephen Littlechild and safeguarded the British Energy float. No more thunderbolts from the man with the beard this time. No repetition of the last-minute intervention that made such a shambles of last spring's National Power and PowerGen share issue.

Oh dear. The Professor has got his retaliation in first. His pro-Scottish Hydro, after the two had been caught with their fingers in the cookie jar, have enormous implications for British Energy. The problem is that those implications are a long way from clear, and will not become any clearer before the nuclear issue is

First, it is hard to see how any

gag could have worked. Regulators are required to regulate. and any change in the market for power would have required appropriate action from Professor Littlechild no matter what promises he had made covering the first three months of British Energy's stock market life.

Second, requiring the Scots to squeeze down on prices is a strong hint that similar action. by means of another price cap. might be planned in England and Wales. Perhaps the Professor might wait the necessary three months, perhaps not. But the price of electricity, both north and south of Hadrian's Wall, is one of two main variables that will influence British Energy's future performance. This will have to be reflected, somehow, in Monday's prospectus.

Five-year plan

☐ THOSE building societies becoming banks, once they reach the market, will be protected The Nationwide, keen to remain a mutual society, would like see this five-year rule abolished. A desire for a level playing field? Or does the Nationwide suspect that, once the Halifax converts, the newly fledged bank will go after a big acquisition? Does the Nationwide want some obstacles in the path of its larger rival?

Racal to take £20m charge in datacoms

BY PAUL DURMAN

RACAL Electronics has pledged to return its data products business to profit in two years' time, but only after bearing £20 million of reorganisation costs.

The reorganisation, spearheaded by Paul Kozlowski, chairman of Racal's data communications division since last June, will include the closure of a Warrington factory which employs 180 people. Manufacturing will be moved to Florida. Mr Kozlowski is also cutting out layers of management and appointing some executives with whom he has worked in the past.

Data products — equipment that provides access to computer networks - are estimated by analysis to have cost Racal £15 million to £25 million of losses

Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman, said Racal's board had given Mr Kozlowski the "green light" to make the fundamental changes he recommended after completing a strategic review. Sir Ernest praised Mr Kozlowski's expertise and track record in the datacoms

industry. Racal was reporting annual pre-tax profits 21 per cent ahead at £70.4 million for the year to March 31. In spite of the £20 million exceptional cost, Racal said it will increase its profits again this year.

Sir Ernest said: "The underlying performance is very powerful. We are looking forward to 1997-98."

Data communications, the biggest division with sales last year of £429 million, also includes the group's interests in network services, Camelot (the National Lottery operator) and the recently acquired BR Telecommunications. Together, these made a profit of £21.2

million (£14.3 million).
The acquisition of BR Teleincreased borrowings to 75 per cent of shareholders.

The company is paying a 3.9p final dividend, increasing the total payout by 20 per cent to op a share.

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Cooklin survives 'no' vote

INVESTORS at Signet's annual meeting yesterday voted against the re-election of Laurence Cooklin, as managing director of the financially strapped jewellery group (Paul Durman writes).

Although the vote was overwhelmingly overturned by proxy votes pledged by invest-ing institutions, the protest indicates private investors' heightened awareness of corporate governance issues. Shareholders at the meeting

opposed the re-election of Mr Cooklin, paid £355,000 last year, because of his two-year contract. This is in defiance of corporate governance best practice, as defined by the Greenbury guidelines.

Signet said Mr Cooklin was given a two-year contract to secure his appointment.

Julian Treger, of the UK Active Value Fund, said the opposition was "a good sign that the ordinary shareholder. the man in the street, is becoming more active".

Battle for Allders intensifies

THE battle for the Aliders duty-free airport shops yesterday developed into a bidding war. BAA matched Swissair's offer of £145 million only to be overtaken by a new Swiss offer of £160 million (Oliver

August writes). Allders shares rose lop to 215p on the news. In response to the increased offer from Swissair, BAA declared that it would not raise its offer any further. The £145 million bid will go to an extraordinary meeting on Monday.

Both parties are still £15 million apart in their bids. The takeover battle started with a £130 million offer by BAA. The Allders board agreed to the sale, but was then confronted by the first Swissair bid of £145 million.

When the board seemed to ignore this bid, Swissair wrote to Allders shareholders, urging them to reject BAA's offer. This prompted the raised BAA offer. BAA shares closed 4p down at 486p.

Profits at Hambros fall 44% on charges

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

PROFITS at Hambros, the to 18 months. Despite a 3p fall independent merchant bank, fell 44.5 per cent to £20.6 million in the year to March 31 after a higher than expected E36.2 million provision for bad debts and exceptional charges

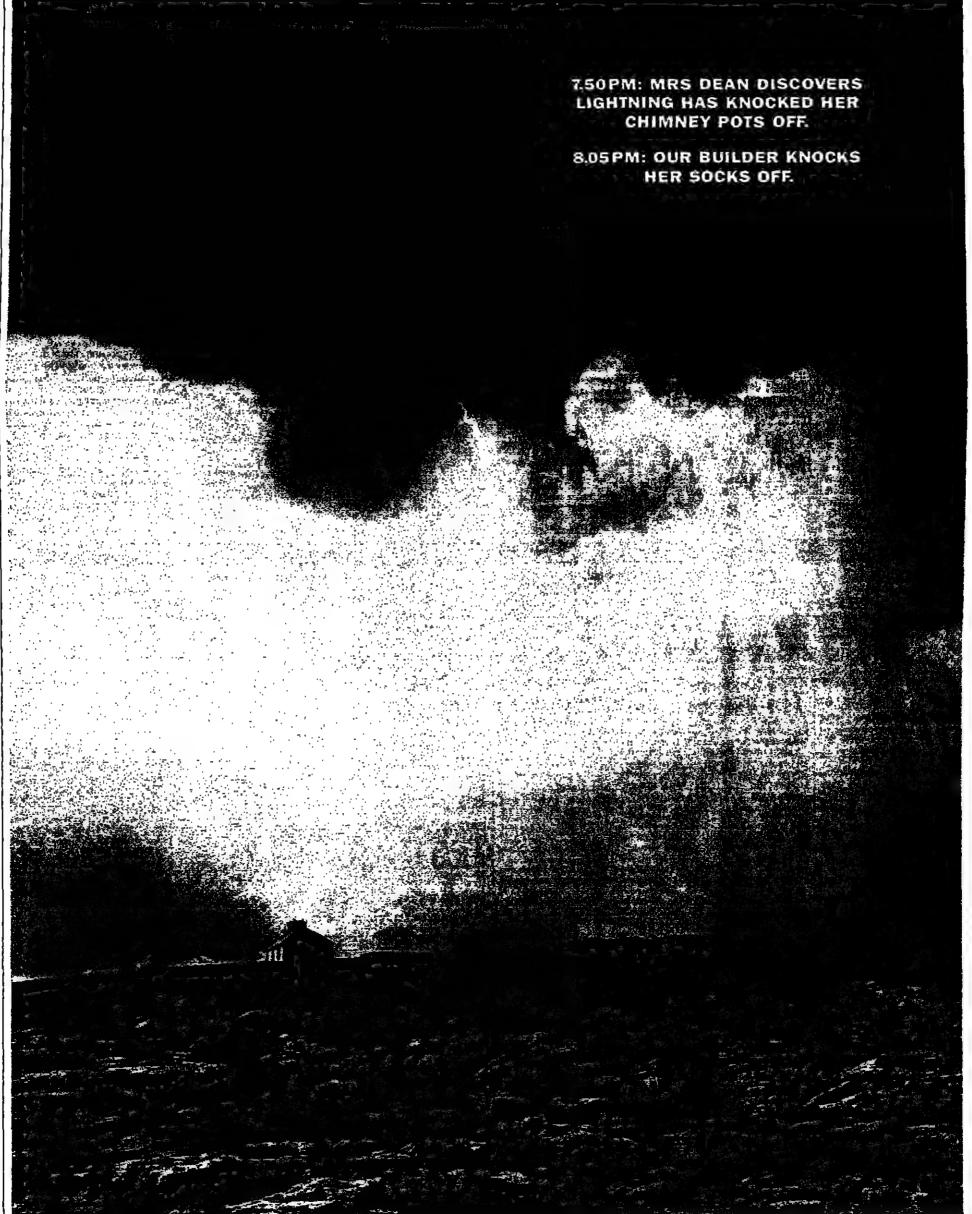
of £12.9 million. The exceptionals include losses on the sale of Hambro Clearing and Hambros's Australian stockbroking operation.

and a charge for restructuring. The bank's workforce was reduced from 2,000 to 1,600 during the year, including 100 redundancies, and another 100 are likely to go over the next 12

in the share price to 227p, most analysts were forecasting higher profits this year. Sir Chips Keswick, Hambros's chief executive,

said the level of provisions was high last year because the bank recognised its bad debts later in the economic cycle

than some competitors. The dividend for the year has been held at 7.5p with the final payment of 5p due on August 19 in spite of a loss per share of 7.6p (earnings of 4p).



Who says lightning never strikes the same place twice? Earlier last year a builder retained by Guardian Direct performed a spirited impression of grease lightning when he arrived at a cottage, which had been damaged in a thunderstorm, only fifteen mimites after the incident was reported.

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Lucas soars again as bid prospects grow stronger

second bidder to emerge in the battle for control of Lucas Industries. Lucas climbed 8p to 254p as more than 18 million shares changed hands after BBA confirmed it was considering the possibility of a spoiling bid. Now it looks as if another bidder is ready to swoop. Names in the frame include, GKN, down 3p at 977p, TI Group, 3p easier at 524p, or BTR, up 12p at 278p.

But BBA's proposal was given the the thumbs down by both Lucas and the City. A spokesman for Lucas said there was no meaningful industrial case for a merger with BBA. Only last week Lucas announced plans for a merger with Varity in the US which would create a £3.2 billion automotive parts company. Zafar Khan, at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, reckons a paper offer from

BBA would result in considerable dilution, while a cash offer would "obliterate" it balance sheet. Brokers generally take the view BBA does not have the financial muscle to launch such a bid for Lucas. , Share prices generally staged a lacklustre performance with investors unwilling to commit themselves ahead of tomorrow's US employment numbers. Claims

that one major company was poised to ask shareholders to dig deep into their pockets helped to subdue demand. The monthly get together be-tween Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, offered little evidence to suggest another cut in interest rates. The FT-SE 100 index finished just 1.8 down at 3.753.4 having traded in narrow limits for much of the day.

Turnover was also de-pressed with 760 million shares traded, but this was swollen by the PowerGen buyback that accounted for almost 86 million of the total. PowerGen finished 3p easier

The high street banks continued to be chased higher. Bardays led the way with a rise of 7½p to 75/1½p as speculators again pinned their hopes on the group floating off its BZW securities arm. Hopes are also growing that erous towards dividend pay-Andrew Buxton, the chairman, in Australia. Other

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Presenter Chris Tarrant still raised a smile for investors in Capital Radio, even though the shares slipped back Ip

National Westminster, 8p to 636p, HSBC, 4p to 983p, and Lloyds TSB, 4p to 323p. Tesco was tipped as a chart buy and the price responded with a rise of 8p to 3132p.

Elsewhere on the bid front, Allders, the department store group, advanced 16p to 215p as the battle for control intensified. Just hours after BAA Group, the airport operator,

finished 4p cheaper at 486p. News of a bid approach lifted Blenheim Group, the exhibi-tions specialist, 70p to 409p. stretching the company's lead of the past two days to 97p. The approach is likely to be warmly received by fund managers after the upheaval at the group during the past couple

Capital Radio eased lp to

Morgan Crucible stood out with a rise of 15p to 447p ahead of tomorrow's annual meeting. Credit Lyomais Laing says the premium to the rest of the sector remains modest. Margins are moroving and with investors looking for defensive earnings in the capital goods sector. Laing expects the steady re-rating to continue.

had put an offer of £145 million on the table, in came Swissair with a bid valued at

BAA made its move after learning that Swissair was ready to petition the Allders shareholders about its initial offer. They will now be asked to choose between the two offers at an extraordinary meeting in a few day's. BAA

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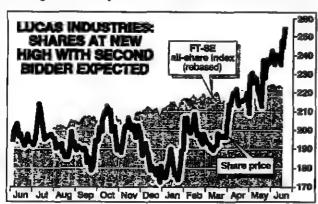
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696p. IP Groupe, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Groupe will continue to hold 6.9 million

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

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gave the green light to Avon Energy's proposed £1.7 billion bid. It had been feared that the bid would be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers

Courtanids Textiles finished lp cheaper at 378p after the sacking of Noel Jervis as chief executive. He will be replaced by Colin Dyer. His departure comes hard on the heels of a profits warning issued at the annual meeting on May 1. The group said that profits would be "substantially" down on last year because of continuining destocking in the United States

Drought-ridden Yorkshire Water tumbled 16p to 718p after telling the City it will not be initiating its proposed share buy-back programme. Earlier in the morning it had angered consumers by coming in with full-year figures at the top end of expectations and reporting a bigger than expected rise in the dividend. Pre-tax profits grew £20 million to £162 million while the payout jumped 12.5 per cent. A rise of less than 10 per cent had been anticipated in the wake of a difficult year that saw customers' services interrupted and the company came under fire from the regulator.

Full-year figures from Racal Electronics failed to impress brokers and left the shares nursing a fall of 16p at 304p. The profits were dented by the £20 million cost of reorganising part of the busi-ness and the delay in completing several contracts. Brokers said that without the contribution from Camelot, profits would have been lower. GILT-EDGED: Brokers reported selective support at the shorter end resulting in a slight steepening of the yield curve. In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt future fell £316 to £105932 n nervous trading that saw turnover slip to 30,000 STREET,

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□ NEW YORK: Stocks were investors cautiously sticking to the sidelines ahead of tomorrow's employment report. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.37 points at 5,666.08.

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Back to the future

joined last year as head of the troublesome data communications arm. Unfortunately for someone in communications. Mr Kozlowski talks at length but conveys little information.

Never mind: he has an impressive record in the US datacoms industry and he has pledged to return Racal's data business to profit by 1997/98. It loses an annual £15-25 million.

Mr Kozlowski has started with a reorganisation, trimming management and consolidating all manufacturing in Florida. This will cost about £20 million this year. But Racal is up against tough competitors and if Mr Kozlowski meets his target, chairman Sir Ernest Harrison will have good cause to be as grateful as he seemed yesterday.

Elsewhere, Racal has some great opportu-

RACAL ELECTRONICS is investing a lot of faith in Paul Kozlowski, the American who decision on the £2.4 billion army contract to supply the Bowman radio system has been postponed until September 1998.

The BR Telecommunications business, bought last December, made an impressive debut contribution of £128 million. Although Racal was at pains to stress this was exceptional, the network run by the renamed Racal-BRT has lots of spare capacity that is proving attractive. The £15.2 million profit from Racal's stake in lottery company Camelot was also more than useful.

Racal's shares yesterday fell 16p to 304p. With this year's profit forecasts being trimmed back to £74 million, they may have further to fall. But on a three year view, Racal looks much more attractive.

Blenheim

THE art of good corporate finance. like good comedy, is timing. If United MAI does make a £500 million bid for Blenheim Group, the City is bound to wonder if the bid has come a year too late, leaving United paying £200 million too much.

In early 1994, following a series of profits warnings, Blenheim shares stood at 174p, having fallen from a high of more than 600p. Less than a year ago they stood at 200p. Yesterday they jumped from 339p to 409p, and Neville Buch, Blenheim's chairman, does not want to agree to a deal at less than 500p.

Of course, United could make an agressive bid, and see what assets there are at Blenheim walk out the door. But there is a risk that could happen anyway as the French and US directors eash in their shares.

The argument against bidding 18 months ago was that Blenheim was such a mess it could have failen apart. Its present shape is a tribute to Mr Buch and Stefan Svenby. the managing director.

The company is still not out of the woods. The US businesses are facing tough

competition from Ziff Davis and the French side from Reed Elsevier, which is run by ex-Bienheim people.

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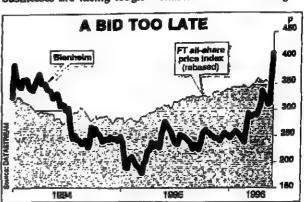
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But recent deals in the industry, as shown by the sale of the Ziff Davis computer shows, are at around three times revenues. That would indicate United could pay £600 million, or 600p a share, and still be smiling.



Hambros

DESPITE the market's obvious disappointment over the performance of the Hambros banking business in the year to March 31, the 3p fall in its share price to 227p was a little surprising.

The book value of the

Hambros net asset value per share may have fallen from 196p to 180p, but at market value there is an increase from 214p to 23ip. Take into account the £40 million unrealised gains on the investment portfolio and a net asset value of 271p is achievable without taking into account any sort of premium on its banking operations.

Its listed subsidiaries, Hambro Countrywide and Hambro Insurance Services. are performing well, and the new strategic direction of the of last year, demonstrated that these are no longer seen as core businesses.

SBC Warburg is looking for pre-tax profits of £75 15.5p. This puts the shares on a multiple of 14.4 times. Despite the bank's protestations that it is not for sale, this all makes Hambros look attractive from a speculative point of view - it could be a marvellous break-up.

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Jarvis Hotels

IT IS second time lucky for Jarvis Hotels. The company pulled out of a planned flotation last year, unhappy with the stock market rating it could command. Now the hotel market is booming and the City is only too keen to welcome new hotel groups.

Two pure hotel groups. Millennium and Conthorne and MacDonald Hotels. have already made a successful debut this year, and there will ruin the clean-cut image of the new boys. It is run by management with lengthy experience in hotels. Jarvis is also keen to emphasise that

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the company is not into Queens Moat-style over-expansion. The aim is to grow through individual hotel purchases from modest debt and cash resources and avoid further cash calls.

There also appears to be plenty of room for trading improvement. Occupancy ievels are 64 per cent, partially depressed by new acquisitions. It is also confident of forcing through further price rises, after a £3 a room rise last year. With more than a million rooms sold over the course of the year, any price rise has a significant profit uplift.

Not surprisingly Jarvis is not coming to the market cheap. At an anticipated float price of around 160p. the company is sitting on an historic price earings rating of 16 times.

age is around 21 times so the share price should have some room for growth. Jarvis may not be a bargain but investors will find a solid home.

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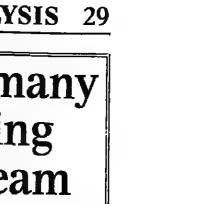
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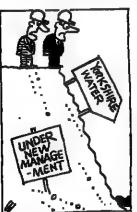
NEVER mind customer loyalty, what about your family? In a desperate bid for laughs. Brian Davis. chief executive at the Na-tionwide, turned on his wife yesterday at the build-ing society's conference. Davis's ripping yarn in-volved taking home his wife a society circular, to make sure it was written in "plain English". The wheeze was working well. apparently, until Mrs Davis, focusing on the acronym APR, asked if there was any particular reason for announcing mortgage rates in April.

Welcome' slip

SHAME on Railtrack the latest high-profile perpetrator of the misplaced apostrophe. The company that splashed out on a giant "welcome mat" to greet passengers arriving at Leeds City Station, bas made a spelling gaff. The company's marketing department chose the wording: "Railtrack Welcomes You to Leeds City Station." Unfortunately, it inserted an apostrophe after the "e" in welcomes. If that wasn't bad enough, a Railtrack spokesman lost his rag when dealing with a query from a local radio station. He bit back: "It's a simple spelling mistake. What do you want us to do? Take the offender to City Square and have them hung, drawn and quartered?" The mat has since been

First aid

FOR the first time in its conference history, Inchcape's medical expenses have outstripped the company's bar bill. Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, was the first to call on an emergency masseuse after he strained his back playing playing tennis at the four-day conference in Macan. Out of the top 80 managers present, one jogged into a tree, another is on crutches after stubbing his toe, and a delegate's leg has turned septic after she was bitten by a bug. The fifth casualty was sent to hospital yesterday after slipping by the side of



"We hope to make our water levels match our profit levels"

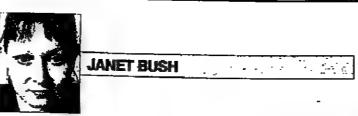
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SO ADEPT has Yorkshire Water become at managing a crisis, the company is now making a virtue out of its failings. Proclaiming its highly controversial profits figures yesterday, Yorkshire Water handouts highlighted lower than expected price increases for customers next year. Not that the welcome move was anything to do with the company itself. What Yorkshire Water was in fact drawing reference to was the punishment wielded by the regulator against the company for its hopeless performance last year.

A SURREAL promotional video for Mondex, the electronic purse that could make notes and coins a thing of the past. Set to an upbeat score, the first scene opens in San Francisco, focusing on Californians spending their electronic money and the mighty Wells Far-go bank. Then, just as the tension is mounting, the camera pans to "Swindon, England."

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ECONOMIC VIEW



MANUFACTURING OUTPUT FOLLOWS STOCKS

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rates, their 1980s credit card

and housing debt, and lack of

income growth. What will

happen over the next three to

six months now that the back-

ground is positive for con-

sumption for the first time

since before the recession? We

are entering a fascinating

laboratory measuring wheth-

er the present is different from the past. Will more spending

lead to higher prices or not? As

unemployment falls, will wage

Where does this leave the

Chancellor? We know from his

interview in The Times last

week that he is still pretty

accelerate, if not reach his 3

per cent forecast for calendar

1996; that he is prepared to

raise interest rates before the

election if necessary: that he

has problems on tax revenues

and public spending and is

playing down hopes of tax

cuts: that he wants to fight the

election on the economy and

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PURCHASING MANAGERS SUGGEST

MANUFACTURING RECESSION

Brainstorming time for the man who must deliver

The Chancellor reviews policy

options against a contentious

debate on

the economy

The Chancellor holds the annual away-day

for Treasury officials at his country residence of Dorneywood around now. The Treasury seems, rather bizarrely, to have adopted a new tradition of pre-Dorneywood purdah to add to the pre-Budget sort and won't say when the meeting is. But this is the time of the year that the Chancellor and

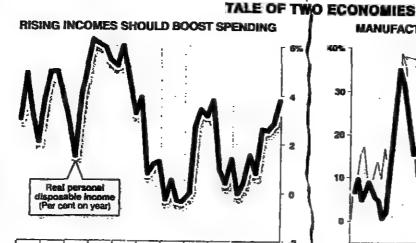
officials hold a brainstorming session to take stock of the economy. It is a key juncture in the economic calendar. The first Cabinet meeting to discuss the public spending round will be held within weeks. July 9 sees the publication of the Tressury's Summer Forecast, a document that provides the broad economic judgments that will be the

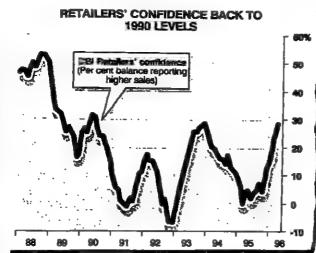
background to the Budget. This one is as difficult to call as any over the past decade, with manufacturing near recession but consumer sectors strengthening. In its May Inflation Report, the Bank of England gave a warning about the hazards of navigating a sensible path through such opposing currents. It was precisely at this juncture with apparent short-term weakness in some sectors masking signs of more buoyant future activity - that policy mistakes tended to be

made in the past." Comparisons with 1986 are becoming the rage because this was when the Government inadvertently stoked up the 1980s inflationary boom and bust. Late in 1995, manufacturing output was falling at an annual rate of about 3 per cent. By autumn, 1986, output was expanding at an annual rate of around 4 per cent. Armed with CBI surveys in the first half of 1986 that showed orders and output falling and unwanted stocks still building up, the Government cut taxes and interest rates and let sterling plunge. So the late 1980s boom

and bust was born. A decade later, the inflation worriers are in the ascendancy, paranoid in case the economic runes are misinterpreted again. It has to be said at this point that current visions of disaster are hardly dramatic compared with the garish economic landscapes of the past. Richard Jeffrey, chief economist of The Charterhouse Group, is one of the most hawkish in the City on inflation, seeing it rise, per-

haps, to as high as 4 per cent. He sees the economy powered ahead ever more strongly by consumer spending as people feel the benefits from lower interest rates, tax cuts, windfalls from building societies and electricity com-





panies. CBI surveys of retailers' confidence shows confidence back to pre-recession levels. Also broadly in this camp is David Mackie, of JP Morgan, who believes that the economy could be growing at a rate of 3 to 3.5 per cent by the end of this year, powered by consumption. He is surprised at what he feels is complacency in the Bank of England.

The Bank has emphasised the risks of manufacturing falling into a more prolonged slump as an important factor weighing against consumer strength. The two negatives are the huge stocks build-up and the slowdown in European economies, particularly Germany. Mr Mackie be-lieves both negatives are overdone. He is suspicious of CBI survey evidence that there has been virtually no run-down in stock levels so far. He believes that the worst for European economies and British export-

ers is already past. Few disagree that the British consumer is staging a comeback after the years of hurting. Where disagreements arise is over the inflation worrier's assumption that (a) there is no measurable chance that the current troubles in manufacturing will have a knock-on effect on confidence and that (b) more consumer spending will inevitably lead to higher prices.

Roger Bootle and lan Shepherdson, of HSBC Markets, are forecasting consumer spending of 3 per cent this year and 4 per cent next year, not very different from the inflation worriers. Their forecast for overall growth at 2 per cent is not that much out of line with others either. But they

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still believe that interest rates may have to be cut again.

They argue that, while manufacturing does not look like it is going into a tail-spin, there is at least a risk that the stagnation could be prolonged, that companies will lay off staff and that consumer confidence will take another knock. Stocks and output have tended to move in close tandem and current readings point to a protracted slump in the latter. The purchasing managers' survey earlier this week was very weak and ominously showed a sharp deterioration in firms' employ-

wave of lay-offs is on the way. But whether or not manufacturing impinges on con-sumers/employees, there is another argument against alarmism on interest rates. Can we be sure that a bit more consumer spending will lead to higher retail prices? Current survey evidence suggests producer prices are going to be very low over the year ahead. Why should retailers risk annoying consumers by jacking up prices when their suppliers are keeping theirs low?

ment intentions, suggesting a

hese opposing views partly come down to whether or not one believes the world has changed, that we have entered an era of low inflation, that structural changes to the British economy — particularly those that have created a "flexible" labour market have changed the equation between unemployment and inflation for good.until now, inflation worriers could argue that inflation has remained relatively low because the con-

chances of independence sumer has been battened down by higher taxes, interest under Labour.

Importantly, the Chancellor believes his own rhetoric endorsed by the OECD recently — that Conservative structural reforms mean that the economy can grow faster with lower unemployment without igniting inflation. He may want to test how great the supply-side improvement has really been by leaving the brakes off for now. Whether or not the supply side has changed all that much, he won't indulge in the triple boost of 1986 when taxes, rates and sterling all fell - at least not to the same degree.

And what of tax policy? Most nances do not justify tax cuts without matching cuts in spending. No one expects that to be achieved. Most predict a symbolic £2 billion to £3 billion off taxes. The Chancellor says he doesn't want to keep missing targets and wants to leave the public finances in the best shape possible. The truth is that fiscal policy is a headache for the next Parliament, not this one.

Why Germany is running out of steam

Oliver August on Bonn's near-miss

with the statistic that spells recession

he took off vertically, Sclimbing with grace and strength, displaying precision planning and German engineering ap-parently shaming all those who had derided the value of European co-operation. But just as she was about to break free from gravity,

This is not Ariane 5, the illfated European space rocket. This week's other learns is the German economy. By the narrowest of margins, Germany avoided being of-

she burst into flames and

ficially in recession. The criterion is negative growth for two consecutive quarters. In March, the sta-tistical office in Wiesbaden reported a 0.5 per cent GDP slowdown, and it did so again yesterday for the first quarter of this year.

However, the Wiesbaden umpires also revised the March figures to zero GDP

s not over the line, they ruled. Germany is not in Such tiny adjustments to the data

for Helmut Kohl's pet project, ever, meaningless. The

union truth of the matter is

in trouble. Again. The euphoria of unification was followed by realisation that even another economic miracle would not turn the east into "blooming lands", as Helmut Kohl had promised. In 1993, there was talk of the French franc replacing the mark as Europe's currency anchor. The mark has since recovered, but uncertainty over Model

that Germany's economy is

Deutschland has returned. Herr Kohl's problem is not whether the economy is in recession this quarter or not. The real problem is that Germany's version of the "social market economy" is breaking down — and de-serves to because it makes Germany uncompetitive. Yesterday's growth figures

are the clearest sign yet that backwards to stay Europe's Musterschüler, or top pupil. Most economies in Germany's class are growing, not dicing with recession.

Why is Germany lagging? The statisticians in Wiesbaden timidly point to a cold spell in the last quarter. Apparently, construction investment was down because

brickies at home. Maybe former British Rail managers have joined Germany's statistics office to issue statements such as "The first-quarter results from Wiesbaden will be 0.5 per cent down because of the wrong kind of snow/leaves/sunshine".

The real reason for Germany's slow growth is not weather, but its high wages, its inflexible industrial legislation and its boundless welfare spending.
After months of procrasti-

nation, Herr Kohl unveiled a £22 billion savings package six weeks ago. It includes tougher rules on dole on social welfare hand-outs, reduction of sick leave, a higher retirement age and bigger fees for medicine. Yet Herr Kohl failed to

convince his country that austerity was the order of growth yesterday. The ball the day. Instead, he tried to

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Burgeoning welfare spending bodes ill

European monetary

many needs. But even 50 years after the catastrophic experience of the Nazi era, talk of unleashing animal spirits — though only in a quest for economic growth

rather than Lebensraum Until Germans have shed that worry, all reform packages will be in vain. Even Herr Kohl's relatively modest chopping list looks likely

to be shelved because of public opposition. Trade product oppositions unions are already organis-ing disruptive "warning strikes". Such industrial action will be a warning not only to Herr Kohl in Bonn. but to his Europhile colleagues in Brussels.

Germany's burgeoning welfare spending bodes ill for Herr Kohl's pet project. European monetary union. If he fails to curb spending further, Germany will not meet the budget deficit criterion in the Maastricht treaty.

For Euro-watchers on this side of the Channel, that is the real significance of Germany's weather-beaten growth figures. With any luck, Germany will miss the Maastricht boat because of

Regional press consolidating around true-to-type publishers may appear to go against the grain, in another respect it is

red Johnston is the type one would expect to be selling his stake in the regional newspaper industry. His ancestors founded Johnston Press more than 200 years ago and his family holds more than 40 per cent of the shares.

This is the sort of business that was commonly bought by the likes of Emap, one of the acquisitive breed of media groups that specialised in persuading small, independent publishers to part with their family's inheritance.

But this week the tables were turned. Mr Johnston - whose fellow directors light-heartedly allude to his ability to charm widows - smooth-talked Emap into selling the business on which it was built.

Mr Johnston's time as chairman has seen the Scottish group forsake its Falkirk roots for Edinburgh, expand operations south of the border, and add a clutch of daily titles to its stable of free and paid-for weeklies. The Emap deal will make Johnston Press the fifthlargest regional newspaper publisher by circulation.

And, yet, although the deal

with Ingersoll's Birmingham and Coventry titles, and is first and foremost a local newspaper publisher.

If the trend continues, three

groups are worth watching: the

Northcliffe division of Daily

Provincial Newspapers (UPN), part of United News & Media: and Pearson's Westminster Many of the larger media

groups are looking to the attractive returns promised by electronic publishing and

databases. radio, television and business and consumer publishing. Emap. for example, is a market leader in consumer magazines. and is using its know-how and acouisitive skills to replic-

ate this success in France. It is Barlow: "no sale" also generat-

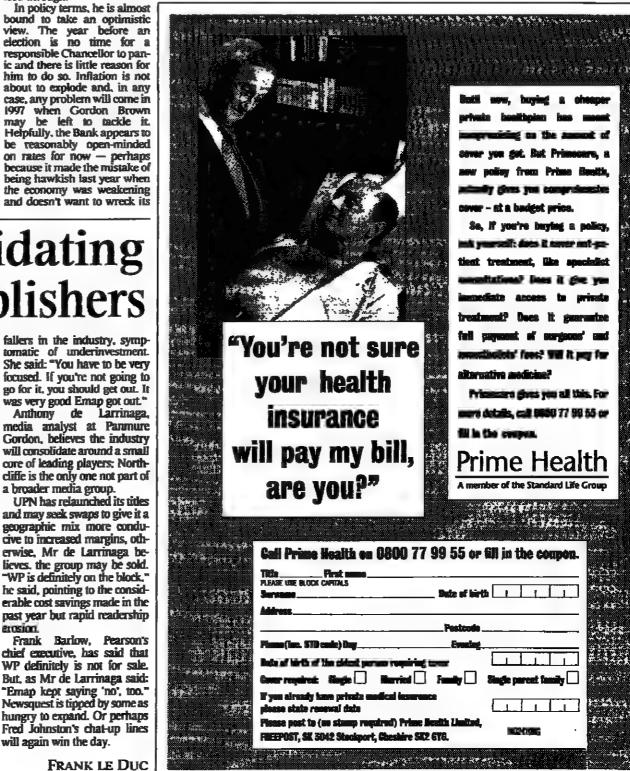
ing rapid growth in radio. Meg Geldens. media analyst at Goldman Sachs, would not be surprised to see UPN sold after the merger of MAI and United News. Along with WP. its circulation is among the fastest

fallers in the industry, symptomatic of underinvestment. She said: "You have to be very focused. If you're not going to go for it, you should get out. It was very good Emap got out." Anthony de Larrinaga, media analyst at Panmure Gordon, believes the industry will consolidate around a small

core of leading players: North-cliffe is the only one not part of a broader media group. UPN has relaunched its titles and may seek swaps to give it a geographic mix more conducive to increased margins, otherwise, Mr de Larrinaga believes, the group may be sold. "WP is definitely on the block." he said, pointing to the considerable cost savings made in the past year but rapid readership erosion.

Frank Barlow, Pearson's chief executive, has said that WP definitely is not for sale. But, as Mr de Larrinaga said: "Emap kept saying 'no', too." Newsquest is tipped by some as hungry to expand. Or perhaps Fred Johnston's chat-up lines will again win the day.

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Whitbread to build £34m hote

Whitbread, the brewing and leisure company, yes-terday unveiled a £34 million development of a new Marriott hotel at Heathrow Airport.

The 390-room hotel is due to open in 1998 and will have conference facilities and a health club. The existing 350-room Marriott Heathrow Hotel at Langley will be renamed after the new hotel is completed.

Whithread paid £180 mil-lion for 16 Marriott hotels increased the chain by ten by rebranding its own Country Club hotels. The company aims to increase the Marriott portfolio to 33 by the end of the year.

Rolls success

Rolls-Royce, the aerospace and industrial power group, has won a £30 million order to supply engines to a Chinese airline. The company said that China Southern had chosen its V2500 engines to power its new fleet of ten A320 Airbus jets. Deliveries will begin next year. China Southern is the first Chinese airline to buy the V2500-powered A320, built by Airbus Industrie, the European consortium including British Aerospace.

Wardle deal

Wardle Storeys, the manufacturer of plastic sheet, airborne systems and inflatable systems, has ac-quired the business and assets of the marine products division of SMR Technologies, based in Ohio, for \$9 million. At SMR's last financial year-end, the assets concerned had a book value of \$6.9 million. After significant one-off charges, the business made a loss of \$1.1 million on sales of \$6 million.

Plane firm hit

About 6.400 union employees of McDonnell Douglas yesterday went on strike after the collapse of contract negotiations with the US aerospace company. Union machinists have rejected McDonnell Douglas's proposed four-year contract. A three-year contract ended on May 19.



David Thomas, left, deputy chief executive, and John Jarvis see plenty of chances to buy hotels and will continue a strategy of individual purchases

Jarvis float includes £60m to fund further purchases

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

JOHN JARVIS, chairman and chief executive of Jarvis Hotels, said yesterday the company would have about £60 million to spend on expanding its hotel chain after this month's planned flotation.

Jarvis Hotels is aiming to raise E133 million when it floats on the stock marketon June 21. Shares in the company will be priced at between 150p and 170p, valuing the company at about £280 Mr Jarvis said the money

raised would be used to reduce debt and allow the company to continue with its investment and acquisition plans. The float will also allow the company's existing investors to realise part of their stakes and improve brand awareness.

About £60 million of the money raised will be used to balance will be used to meet obligations to the institutional shareholders.

Mr Jarvis, who was previously head of Ladbroke's hotel division, is selling shares worth about £1.5 million at flotation but will continue to hold 2.8 million shares, Other leading investors, which include Candover. Electra. Charterhouse Development Capital and Kleinwort Benson

Development Capital, will sell about a third of their stakes in the company.

The company, which was founded in 1990, owns and operates 62 mid-market hotels throughout the UK. The hotels also offer conference facilities and a chain of Sebastian Coe health clubs. Jarvis made a profit last year, excluding exceptional items, of £23 million. The company's assets are cur-

There are plenty of opportunities for new acquisitions in the middle market and we will concentrate on a strategy of Mr Jarvis added that the company wanted to ensure expansion could continue after

Mr Jarvis said: "With gearing reduced to 29 per cent, we will

have the necessary financial

flexibility to continue growing.

flotation without the need to make regular cash-calls on The company said that it will operate a progressive dividend policy with the first interim dividend to be paid for

the 15 weeks to October 12. The company added that trading this year had been encouraging and had met management expectations.

Pro-forma earnings per ordinary share would have been 9.9p for the year to the March 31, giving an historic priceearnings ratio of 16.2 times.

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Big increase in awards made by investment ombudsman

By Jody Brettkelly

THE TOTAL paid out by the investment ombudsman over complaints against the industry climbed from £13,848 to £222,018 in the year to April 30. Complaints nearly quadrupled, from 91 to 373.

Richard Youard, who is retiring after seven years as the investment ombudsman, said that the increases were not because the industry was worse but because his office now dealt with cases previously dealt with by the investment and Management Regulatory Organisation, the industry watchdog. The biggest conplaint concerned poor financial advice about savings and investment plans, followed by portfolio management and

Mr Youard said that in one case an adviser was aware a product was unsuitable but said he would have "his hands chopped off" if he did not recommend it.

Total claims jumped from £1.7 million to £2.4 million and the average claim rose from E5,800 to E11,900. The huge increase in the amount paid out was partly the result of a body of complaints about one company, whose fund management bore no relation to its literature. Investors opting for low-risk investment were put in high-risk stocks.

The results for the year show that 56 per cent of cases were in favour of the complainant, compared with 30 per cent the previous year. Mr Youard said: "Some would say that having lurched hysterically towards companies last year. I have now veered erratically back in favour of complainants, Rubbish!"

The highest payment in-creased from £3,900 to £23,884 and related to a failure to match the risk level specified by the investor. The claim is still being investigated.

Mr Youard said it was significant that the complainant decided to reduce his claim to £100,000 to bring it within the scheme rather than having to resort to the courts. "This is wholly unsatisfactory. The Small Claims Court has a

1993. The three executives

worked for KHD Humboldt

Wedag, one of the world's

leading cement-makers. Pros-

ecutors in Cologne have begun

an investigation into 15 Wedag employees against whom KHD has filed complaints.

limit of £3,000. Whereas [have the power to make awards of up to £100,000. Is that right?"

The lowest payment remained unchanged at £20. One of the ombudsman's new powers was to make awards of up to £750 for distress and inconvenience. Payments ranged from £20. where an investor was not advised properly about a Pep but suffered no financial loss, to £350 for an 82-year-old investor who incurred unnecessary Capital Gains Tax.

Woolwich takes care of deceased

BY ROBERT MILLER

WOOLWICH, the building society that plans to become a £3 billion bank next year, yesterday published details aimed at protecting the free share payout for members who have died since the end of last year or do so before the actual conversion.

In leaflets being handed out free at its 410 branches, the Woolwich says that in the event of a qualifying member dying the eligibility for free shares is protected in most cases.

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The Woolwich, the UK's third-largest society, also outlined the terms of the variable payout for many of the 3.5 million qualifying savers and borrowers.
All qualifying members will receive a standard free share payout worth roughly £750. However, those who have been members for more than two years will receive an extra helping of shares, providing they have a minimum overall account balance of £1,000 on both key dates -December 31, 1995 and the date of the special general meeting, which is likely to be in the first half of next year. The maximum overall balance to be taken into account when allocating extra shares is £50,000.

id Kirkham, ac ing chief executive, said: "It is not possible to publish full details of the proposed distribution of shares, but we are able to give members key information about the additional variable distribution and treatment of deceased

Crest could force brokers out of business

THE number of stockbroking firms in the UK looks set to dwindle after next month's introduction of Crest, the new electronic stock exchange settlement system (Caroline

Merrell writes). The larger firms are predict-ing that some of the small and medium-sized companies could be forced to merge or because of the price of services offered by Crest and the costs that some brokers face in the new system.

bringing their technology systems up to date to cope with David Jones, chief executive of Sharelink, the UK's biggest

could even go out of business

they are going occur, five or six months down the line, when it comes to the complexity of consolidating electronic Crest, which cost £29 million to set up, will be officially

launched on July 15. Its aim is

institutions and private invesoccur in the smaller firms, if

Investors will be able to continue to use the old share certificate-based system of dealing, but some brokers are planning to make this more expensive than the electronic service. About (32 of the UK's 152 stockbrokers have so far registered with Crest.

German bank rescues KHD

FROM AP IN COLOGNE

KLOECKNER-Humboldt-Deutz (KHD), the German cement and engineering company brought to the brink of collapse by a fraud yesterday announced a rescue plan that includes new loans and concessions by its employees.

Under the terms of the agreement, Deutsche Bank, which already owns 48 per cent of the company, will inject an as-yet unspecified amount of fresh capital. In addition, group's creditors will

waive interest payments for 15 months, and property and leasing divisions in Cologne and Mannheim will be sold. The company's 9,400 employees will give up a portion of their salary and future

pensions and accept longer hours, the bank said. The cost of the rescue was not initially disclosed. Three executives at a KHD

subsidiary were dismissed last week after allegations that the subsidiary had covered up DM650 million in losses since

IP Groupe to sell 19% stake in Capital Radio

IP GROUPE, Capital Radio's largest shareholder, is selling its 19 per cent holding in a move that could raise £100 million (Sarah Bagnall writes).

IP Groupe has acquired its 13.8 million shares in the radio broadcaster over the past five years. IP made the purchases because there was potential for co-operation and joint development between the two companies. However, IP said yesterday that since its origi-nal investment, Capital Radi-

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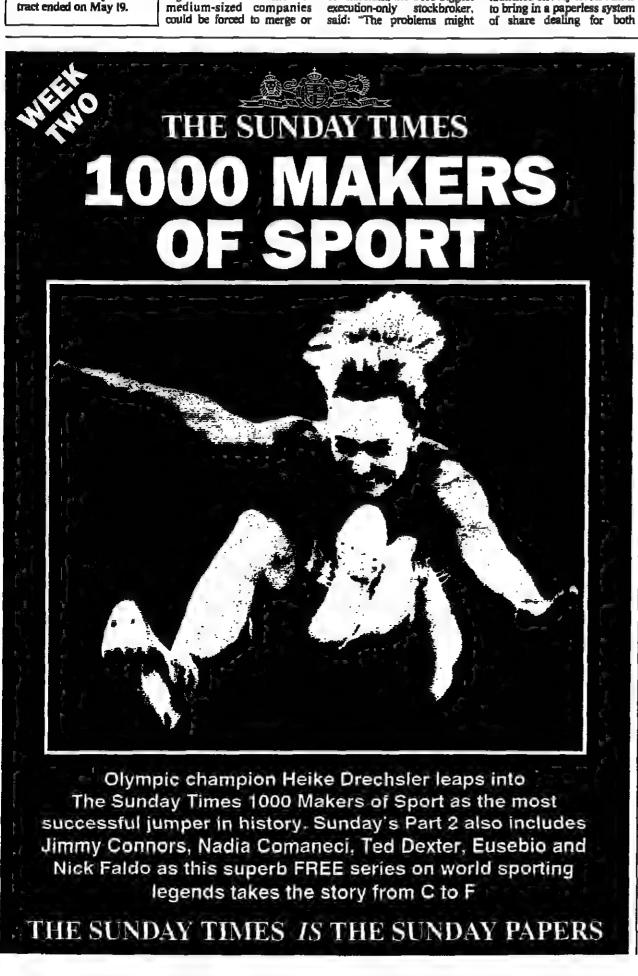
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Australia unveils biggest share offer

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

share offer got under way yesterday with the Govern-ment's sale of its remaining 50.4 per cent stake in Commonwealth Bank, the country's largest retail bank, which is expected to raise more than A\$5 billion (£2.58 billion).

Under the two-tranche share offer, which is the first of its kind in Australia, investors will pay a first fixed installment of A\$6 with a second installment payable by November 1997. The final share price will be announced

Almost 400 million of the Government's shares, representing a stake of 40 per cent, will be offered for sale through the public offer. The remaining 10 per cent stake is to be sold to the Commonwealth Bank through a share buyback scheme.

Launching the share offer John Fahey, Australia's Minister for Finance, said: "This is a monientous event, not only in the history of the Commonwealth Bank, but also for the Australian finan-

cial community." Up to 140 million shares, representing 35 per cent of the share offer, have been earmarked for institutional investors and there is no limit on how many shares may be

AUSTRALIA'S biggest public acquired by UK and other foreign institutional investors. The partly paid shares will be entirled to three dividend pay-ments before the second installment is due.

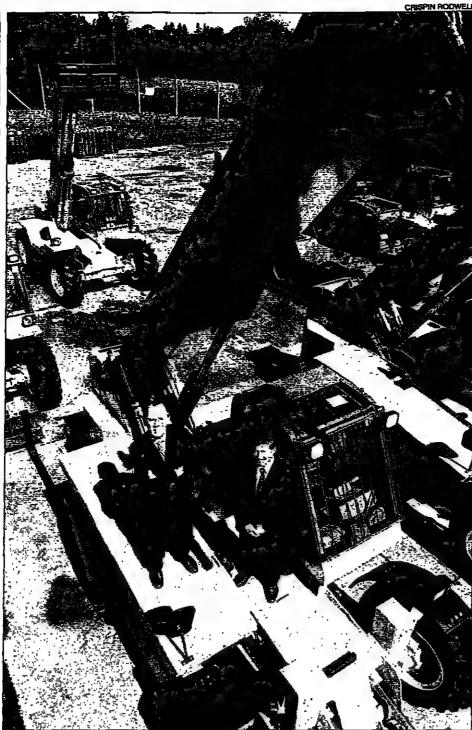
The public offer marks the third and final sale of shares in Commonwealth Bank by the Australian Government, which sold a 29.3 per cent stake in the bank in 1991 for A\$1.7 billion and a 20.3 per cent stake in 1993 for A\$1.3

Banking analysts in Sydney welcomed the two installment sale, saying that it would have been too big for the Australian stock market to swallow in one

One said: "It's a good deal, The dual installment structure means that you get a 15.5 per cent dividend yield on your shares and that's huge. I reckon the sale should go pretty well."

However, other analysts expressed concern that Commonwealth Bank's move last week to reduce its home loan interest rates by 0.6 per cent to 9.9 per cent could eat into next year's profits.

The bank chalked up a 19 per cent rise in net profits to A\$542 million in the half year to December 1995. Commonwealth Bank shares closed up 4 cents at \$10.04 on the Australian stock market.



Shav McKeown, chief executive, left, with Pat Doocy, sales and marketing director

Powerscreen delivers a profits advance

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

POWERSCREEN. screening, crushing and recy-cling group, increased profits last year and Shay McKeown. chief executive, said its order books were in a healthy state.

The company, based in Dungannon, Co Tyrone, made pre-tax profits of £36.1 million in the year ending March 31. compared with £29.1 million the previous year.

The company said the strong results were the result of its strategy of increasing the geographic spread of sales and expanding into new markets. Powerscreen now sells across Europe as well as in North America and the Far East.

John Craig, the company's chairman, said: "Order levels throughout the three divisions are healthy and ahead of last year. Further penetration of overseas markets is a primary aim of all companies within the group.

acquired Pegson for £13.5 million in an attempt to give the crushing and recycling divi-sion a better mix. The group said the purchase had enhanced its crushing equipment range, contributed to its results and was performing well.

Last month, after the end of its financial year, the company bought US Truck Cranes from JLG Industries for \$11.9 million. The Pennsylvania company designs and makes lorry-mounted hydraulic cranes

A final dividend of 6.7p a share lifts the total to 9.2p, from 8.1p. payable from earn-

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

IMI to raise £105m from Timet holding

IMI. the international engineering group, is raising £105 million in cash from the sale of the bulk of its shareholding in Titanium Metals Corporation (Timet), a US-based company. The sale is at a £70 million profit to the shareholding's net book value of £35 million. IMI is raising a further £12 million from the manufact of £35 million. raising a further £13 million from the repayment of a \$20 million unsecured subordinated loan note.

Timet was formed last year from a merger of the titanium interests of IMI. Tremont Corporation and Union Titanium Sponge Corporation. IMI is reducing its shareholding from 38 per cent to 6.4 per cent as part of Timet's public offering, which was announced in May. At the time IMI said that it would raise between £92 million and £105 million from its participation in the offering. Timet's two leading shareholders have the option to purchase IMI's remaining stake for \$16 million. The options will expire on February 15, 1999. IMI's shares fell 5p to close at 355p yesterday.

Price war hurts Frost

SHARES of Frost Group fell 8p to 101p after the independent petrol retailer warned shareholders that a prolonged price war has hit trading. James Frost, chairman, told the company's annual meeting that trading was worse than anticipated and that first-half sales would probably account for just one quarter of the year as a whole. He said rationalisation would continue in the industry and this would lead to mainly privately owned dealer sites being driven out of the market. "There will be fewer sites and fewer suppliers, and we anticipate Frost's business remaining a significant player," he added.

OMI losses deepen

OMI, the engineering group, announced deepening losses of £14 million in the year to March 31, compared to £4.2 million last time. The declining fortunes reflected £10.9 million of previously written off goodwill, which relates to businesses no longer part of the group. Overall the group made a £2.6 million operating loss, which OMI said was the combination of two very different half years. OMI lost £3.1 million in the first half, reflecting one off costs related to the sale of non-core businesses. reflecting one-off costs related to the sale of non-core businesses and job cuts. The benefits began to feed through in the second half, wiht an operating profit of £500,000. There is no dividend.

No payout at Freepages

FREEPAGES GROUP, the classified directory information provider, reported pre-tax losses of £842,000 for the six months to March 31, compared with losses of £148,000 in the first half of the previous year. Losses per share were 1.35p (0.47p loss). There is again no interim dividend. These are the first results since the reverse takeover of Blagg and the company's admission to the Alternative Investment Market on February 27, and include just one month of trading of the Freepages business. The company said Freepages signed up 5,017 new customers in the first six months.

Optimistic Caffyns

CAFFYNS, the Sussex auto dealer, yesterday said there are grounds for optimism on prospects "for the first time in many years" after seeing a significant rise in profits for the first months of 1996. The company already anticipates the first months of 1996. The company already anticipates strong sales in August. However, results for the financial year to March 31 revealed a slight fall in profits to £629,000 (£676,000) before tax. Earnings were 12.6p a share, compared with 14p. The final dividend is unchanged at 6.5p a share, holding the total at 11.5p. The shares closed unchanged at 290p.

BY MARTIN BARROW

JOHN WADDINGTON, the packaging group which spent £30.3 million on capital investment last year, plans to invest a further £30 million during the current year to increase capacity.

The company's latest investment is intended to support the development of Waddington's pharmaceutical package ing and specialist printing activities. The company is

market share and win further

orders from continental Waddington yesterday reported a 33.2 per cent rise in

profits from continuing activities to £29.4 million for the year to March 31 on turnover that increased to £286.6 mil-lion from £238.5 million. At the pre-tax level, profits fell to Ell.86 million from £53.3 million. However, the

results were distorted by an

exceptional charge of £13.76 million for the year just

in addition, the company booked a £30.75 million profit in the previous year on the sale of its board games

There is a final dividend of 5.4p a share, making a total of 9.4p (8.7p). Adjusted earnings rose to 17.89p a share from 16.9p. The shares rose op to

Waddington to lift capacity | Staveley dividend increase

BY OUR CITY STAFF

STAVELEY Industries, the measurement instruments and minerals company, is lifting the annual dividend for the first time since 1993 after achieving a 15 per cent rise in profits in the year to March 31. Pre-tax profits improved to

E23.2 million from £20.2 milllon on turnover that rose to £372.9 million from £342.2 million, the company reported Roy chief Hitchens.

said: "Our twin track approach of improving operaperformance while refining strategic focus has

begun to produce results." However, in spite of the improved results announced the company's shares fell 5p to finish the day

The total dividend is increased to 9p a share from 8.5p, with a final 6.7p. The company's earnings improved

to 16.4p a share from 13.6p a share.

Nelson Group Services, a technical maintenance company, and MMP Quality Inspections, acquired during the year, contributed revenues of £22.7 million and operating profit of El.I million. The ecquisitions and restructuring of the measurement division contributed to a rise in borrowings. The interest charge rose £800,000 to £3.4 million.

Options for fixed assets David Chitty joins the debate on

the ASB's consultative paper

on the treatment of impairment

The Accounting Stan-dards Board (ASB) republished a cently discussion paper on the accounting treatment of impairments of tangible fixed assets. It is the first step in developing a new accounting standard for tangible fixed assets. Further proposals are expected later this year.

The paper supports the established principle that assets should not be included in the balance sheet at an amount greater than their recoverable amount. The paper aims to develop guidance as to how the recoverable amount should be calculated and to define what constitutes a diminution in value. There is no guidance on these matters in

current UK standards. The paper goes on to consider the accounting treatment of previously revalued assets. The proposals only require an impairment test where there is evidence of impairment such as expected future losses. a significant adverse change in the business environment or a significant decrease in the

market value of the asset. This guidance is welcome. However, the methodology of the impairment test appears complex and involves the use of predicted future cashflows and discounting. The methodology makes accounts more

difficult to understand for less sophisticated users, including the directors and shareholders of many smaller companies. and provides accountants with many creative opportunities.

The review of the accounting treatment will be influenced by international developments. A recently introduc-ed US standard takes a broadly similar approach to impairment as the ASB's. On the wider subject of the full review of accounting for tangible fixed assets, existing US standards hold that all assets, except land, have a finite life and thus must be depreciated over their useful economic life.

In the US, upward revaluations of fixed assets, which are permitted in the UK, are not allowed. International accounting standards allow treatments, including upward revaluations, which are virtually identical to SSAPs 12 and However, revisions in international standards resulting in the withdrawal of the exemption from depreciation given to investment properties

are expected.
The European Commission is developing guidance on the direction of accounting in the European Union. Non-deprecation of all properties contravenes European law, and, as a result, there will be considerable pressure on the ASB to



David Chitty welcomes the new proposals from the ASB require all fixed assets to be

Acceptance by the ASB of the international trend to require all fixed assets to be depreciated is inconsistent with the treatment that will be proposed for accounting for goodwill and intangible fixed assets in the wake of last October's public hearings. The ASB is proposing that under specific circumstances, intangibles may be regarded as having an infinite economic useful life and not be subjected to depreciation. Conceptually, there is no reason why tangible fixed assets with infinite or very long lives should not be treated in the same way as intangibles. This also encourages consistency

Any change in accounting for fixed assets could have a fundamental impact upon reported earnings and hence dividend policy within the sectors that currently take advantage of the exemptions and permitted deviations. Although cashflows will not be affected by any requirement to depreciate all fixed assets, the impact upon earnings could be dramatic for confidence within the property sector or rapid growth, high-premium sectors, such as independent pub operators. amage to investor per-

ception may restrict the ability of such sectors to raise funds and contribute to economic growth. The impairment proposals could result in the recognition of more diminution in value. However, to avoid reporting a diminution there may be pressure on accounts preparers to manipulate the impairment test to show that no diminution has occurred.

The ASB proposals for fixed-asset accounting could have far-reaching effects for several sectors of the UK economy. There are some good ideas on impairment, although the ASB must assess with care the methodology for the impair-ment test. It has the opportunity in its wider assessment to codify and review current UK practice to reflect economic realism, and to influence the international debate on this

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Technology leads the tax revolution

ROBERT

BRUCE

THE tax world continues to startle. Ten years ago, tax was a discipline shared by a few of great importance, but hardly seen as central to the great corporate scheme of things. Not anymore. The tax world now talks of competitive cultures, of organisational structures and processors, performance measurement and technology, just as much as the rest of the corporate world. And there is more to come.

At present, I am in Chicago, on holiday, mostly watching baseball. But Chicago is also home to Arthur Andersen. And so I spent a morning this week with Harry Ruffalo, worldwide head of tax and business advisory services. He is full of talk of "reengineering the tax department".

Tax has become more sophisticated. And with sophistication comes complexity. Equally, tax has become a global discipline. It has grown enormously over the past decade. Now we're about to see the result of those pressures. All these bright people doing extremely lucrative work are no longer happy to remain the back-

room boys. Tax is about to become a highly visible business discipline.

The survey Andersen carried out into how large European multinationals manage their tax function bears this out. This found that 60 per cent felt that the status of the tax department within the group was high. But comments also revealed the tax departments were not always seen as units that provided or assisted profit-ability. "The legalistic meth-od of reporting for tax jars with the profit motive," said one. The possible problems that might be created by the tax department being seen as

being under pressure to come up with the results are obvious. But tax people felt undervalued. "There was a perception among many of the group's nontax personnel outside of top management that the tax department was a bit of a black

box'," said the survey.

It is that feeling of being stuck in a black box that motivates the need for change. No wonder that Jon Olson, head of Andersen's worldwide lax training, argues that "the tax director of the future is a risk manager, a cash manager; an influencer of legislation; a

strategic and tactical thinker". Part of the tax revolution we are seeing is also to do with the technical nature of the work. Tax is no longer an issue debated by a few. As an issue it has, in the past decade, come to dominate the political and, more significantly, the electoral process. Tax. to the occupants of a Clapham omnibus, used to represent a once-a-year Budget headline of 10p on booze and fags. Now it is a central and increasingly better understood issue. But there is some distance still to travel.

"Tax," said Ruffalo, "is the biggest expense that any company has, but it is also the least understood," This is a matter of corporate culture. "It is a question." he said, "of getting companies to understand that tax planning and decisions are a day-to-day process and not an historical once a year look."

Here technology is driving the change. Real-time financial reporting enables tax planners to work off current figures. Whereas traditionally this was always far from true. In the US most companies work to a December year-end. But the tax accounts do not have to be filed until the following September. This gave the company nine months to reconfigurate their figures for tax purposes. The pressure to be able to produce the figures closer to the year end did not exist.

But it does now. The value of timely tax planning is obvious. Ruffalo's reasoning is down to earth. "Those companies which brought their tax people in have made a difference of maybe a couple of cents per unit and have made their product more competitive," he said. And technology can provide such benefits. "Companies." said Ruffalo, "have not thought of tax in terms of their financial systems. So the tax people had to make their decisions after the sys-

tems had worked something out." But now technology allows you constantly to reconfigure the financial sys-tems. Tax people work off current information. The op-portunities for tax planning multiply. "Tax." in the words of Ruffalo. "should not be an

after-thought". And increasingly it will not be. And nor will its corporate practitioners. A few years ago the same happened for finance directors. Their expertise and understanding across the

corporate structure propelled them to a central management importance. Now the tax world talks in the same terms for the corporate taxation chiefs. As compliance work becomes more technologically routine the tax team will be freed. In Ruffalo's words "outstanding, creative people can be

brought forward and the pay off is when they

bring more value to their managements". No wonder the talk is all of "the reengineering of tax". And no wonder that Andersen in the UK is headed by a taxman.

Arthur Andersen changes places

THERE is a potentially alarming sign outside the worldwide headquarters of Arthur Andersen in the centre of Chicago. "Entire building available", it reads, and directs you to a local estate agent. Surely Andersen and its trademark double doors are not going to leave the city where it all started in 1913? Of course not. It is simply moving the headquarters across town. And, in

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any case, the original Arthur Andersen doors remain in their shrine at the firm's campus training centre out-

Sounds familiar

AUSTIN MITCHELL, the crusading MP for greater outside representation in the profession's affairs, would find himself at home in the US at present. The body that oversees the work of the Financial Accounting Standards Board is under pressure to boost its number with outsiders, rather than members of companies or audit firms, who direct its operations. The New York Times has even devoted a thunderous leader column to the topic. "Accounting standards are important because

accountants provide the num-

bors that tell investors how well the companies are doing," it argued. Sir David Tweedie's influence is spreading.

Options on pay

THE other great topic in the US is executive pay, or rather the ability to boost pay through options. Daily disclosures of astronomical increases coupled with calcula-

tions of the ever-widening gap between executive pay levels and employee pay levels provoke widespread outbreaks of cynicism. One cartoon said it all this week. Under a banner of "Corporate Democracy", a chairman is depicted telling his board: "Okay. We have two options, so let's take a vote. Either we cut back our perks and use the revenue to improve our product. Or lay off a bunch of people below us and give ourselves a bonus."

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Bringing drunks down to earth

curmudgeonly old relaamusement when, waking from a post-luncheon nap, he complained that he had a thumping headache because: "They gave me too much to drink.

The excuse put forward this week for the behaviour of the England football team on the Cathay Pacific flight from Hong Kong was of similarly feeble quality.

Cabin crew are trained to pamper passengers - especially those who have paid more than £2,500 to travel in business-class comfort. But the recipients of all their care and attention are in turn expected to behave properly and to know when to stem the flow of free drinks. Those who do not, and as a result cause damage or commit a criminal offence, face prosecution on landing - provided the aircraft is registered in Britain and the alleged incident took place in British airspace.

Cathay Pacific is registered in Hong Kong. Even though the colony is, for another year, British, Cathay is still regarded under British aviation law as "foreign". It would also have been almost impossible to tell whether the damage was caused in British or international airspace. So the England footballers could not have been prosecuted, whatever their alleged offences dur-ing the flight.

Had the culprits travelled with British Airways or Virgin. they probably would have en accused of criminal damage or perhaps endangering an aircraft. Some hardliners would, perhaps, say that the authorities should have in-voked a clause in the Civil Aviation Act 1982, which would have held the alleged troublemakers in custody until they could be extradited for trial in Hong Kong.

Realistically, that was never going to happen, so the team

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But the incident has again raised the problem of how to deal with drunken or badly behaved passengers. Today Michael Colvin, MP, will try to steer a Private Member's Bill towards the creation of a law that would allow those who commit a crime on a plane to be prosecuted in Britain, wherever it is regis-

We can only wish him and his backers success, but even if all goes to plan it, will be August before the measure is on the statute book: too late to deal with any potential Euro 96 thugs.

It is a pity, because the charter airlines especially were making strides towards ridding themselves of the menace of drunken passengers.

lew of them now serve free drinks and they have made it clear that if the captain is concerned, he can divert, throw the problem passenger off, let him find his own way home, then take him to court to sue for the cost of

Perhaps it is also time to consider taking duty-free items from passengers as they board to store in a sealed compartment, so that those denied alcohol on a flight cannot simply open their dutyfrees instead.

And it is yet another reason for barring the use of "flags of convenience" — the foreign charter jets, whose British passengers would also be immune from prosecution from being used in the British

Bargains of the week — latest offers on holidays, ferries, flights and hotels

HOLIDAYS

RAVELLO's music festival runs from tomorrow until July Isand places are available for a week's holiday at the Hotel Parsifal on the Amalfi coast from June 21. Prices from Citalia start at £409 a person, including half-board and flight. Details: 0181-241 5111.

■ CRYSTAL Italy is offering savings of £100 on holidays to Florence starting on Saturday and continuing to July 13. Prices start at £375 a person for a week's bed and breakfast at a three-star hotel. Flights from Gatwick and Manchester. Details: 0181-390 5554.

■ THE Vendée coast for a week in a studio apartment for two adults and two children is available from ERS.50 a person, including Portsmouth-Caen ferry crossings, from now until June 21 with Brittany Ferries. Details: 0990 360360.

TALL STORIES has a few places left on adventure holidays in June, including a week's mountain biking, paragliding and rafting in Austria from June 15 for £375 a person. Flights extra but special deals available. Details: 01932

GREEK islands are on offer from Inspirations, including Zante from £246 a person, with flights from Newcastle on June 21 and 28 and from Birmingham on July 4, plus Rhodes for 1239 from Gatwick on June 26. Details: 01293

■ THE MALDIVES are on special offer from Kuoni, with a fortnight's half-board at Bodufinolhu costing from £739 a person, a saving of up to £150, until July 14. Flights from Gatwick. Details: 01306 740500.

■ SAVINGS of £50 a person for holidays in Corsica and Sardinia in July and August are being offered by Holiday Options, bringing the price for a family of four at a Corsican property, for example, down to £1,336 for a week's bed and breakfast. Return flights from Gatwick included. Details: 0171-637 4422.

■ SUMMER breaks in Norway are being offered by Color Line with prices starting at £183 a person for a week's holiday, including return Newcastle-Bergen sailings and accom-modation in the Aseral Chalet resort. Details: 0191-296 1313.

■ AUSTRAVEL has launched a new Western Australia brochure, offering accommodation from £18 a person a night, car hire from £22 a day and motorhomes from E35. The company can provide flights to Perth from £549 return. Details: 0171-734 7755.



Riding the St Anton area: cycling holidays in Austria are on offer at £375 a person

FERRIES

SEA FRANCE offers a £37 two-day return crossing on Dover-Calais for a car and up to five people, available until July 12. Book 48 hours in advance. June day trips are £10 per car and £1 per person (£10 supplement on Saturdays). Details: 01304 204204.

STENA LINE has £39 two-day returns for a car and up to five people on its routes to Calais. Dieppe and Cherbourg, with day-trip prices at El5 per car and El per person. As with P&O, Stena guarantees it will match any other fares. Details: 0990 767676.

P&O European Ferries also has new fares for travel by July 15 to Calais, Le Havre or Cherbourg. A two-day ticket costs £39 for a car and up to five passengers. Details: 0990 980980.

■ RED FUNNEL has a special limited capacity £25 return fare on Southampton-Isle of Wight llam sailings for a car and up to four people. Available Sunday to Friday (excluding Cowes Week, August 3-9). Details: 01703

SWANSEA Cork Ferries (01792 456116) is promoting Ford Cork Week, which is expected to draw 10,000 visitors to a series of international yacht races between July 15 and 19. Fares for a car and up to five passengers start at £119 one-way until July 16 (foot passengers £28.

FLIGHTS

CONCORDE fans can book to Indonesia and Saudi Arabia over the coming months. Flights to Jakarta (one-way £3,011) operate on June 23, while Jeddah (one-way £1,303) is served on July 4 and 11, also September 13. Details: 0345 222111.

FORMER BT customers who reconnect by June 30 qualify for discounts of up to 30 per cent for as many as four passengers on most British Airways published fares. Details: 0345 222111.

■ HOLDERS of London City Airport's City to Cities loyalty card qualify for a cut-price £120 return business fare to Paris CDG, flying with Air Jet. Details: 0171-476 6000.

TRAVELBUG has negotiated special fares from London and Manchester to Melbourne. flying Emirates Air via Dubai. Return fares cost £795 economy, £2,226 for business and £3,498 for first class; begins June 25. Details:

■ THRICE daily flights between Gatwick and Edinburgh have been launched by British Airways. Details: 0345 222111.

■ MEMBERS of Eva Air's Evergreen loyalty scheme qualify for a £25 voucher redeemable against most tickets between London, Bangkok and Taipei. Details: 0171-837 5391.

HOTELS

■ THE Petersham Hotel, overlooking the Thames at Richmond and convenient for Ascot and Wimbledon, has a two-night "lobster and luxury" package available until the end of July for £119 a person. As well as room and breakfast, the price includes a special shellfish dinner. Details: 0181-940 7471.

■ THE Brighton Thistle Hotel, located on the seafront, has a special rate from July 5 until August 23 of £89 a double room a night, including breakfast, instead of the normal rate for two people of £164.50 a night. The offer is based on a minimum two-night stay. Details: 01273 206700.

"summer whites" programme offering full board for two nights, with extra summer activities ranging from an Edwardian-style picnic to croquet, bowls and rafting on the River Tay. Price: £356 a person until the end of August. Details: 01764 662231.

■ THE Radisson Edwardian Group has relaunched its Marlborough Hotel in central London after a £2.75 million facelift with a weekend theatre-break package. Costing £97 a person, the price includes one night's accommodation with breakfast, a theatre ticket to a top show and discounted dining vouchers. Details: 0171-636 5601.

■ HILTON INTERNATIONAL's new summer promotion offers discounts of up to 30 per cent off regular rates at more than 140 hotels worldwide, Details: 0800 8568000.

■ MARRIOTT's summer leisure-break rates include complimentary room breakfast, late checkout on Sundays and a 20 per cent discount on dinners for two. Starting June 30, until September 3. Details: 0800 221222.

■ LEARN to play golf at Turnberry in Scotland for £675 a person for three night's accommodation, dinner, equipment hire and tuition. The final day will include a nine-hole round with a PGA professional. Details: 01655

■ QUEEN'S MOAT HOUSES' new "host of Europe" packages cover 30 four-star and fivestar continental hotels, with prices starting from £104 a couple for two nights. The offer includes 20 per cent off P&O ferry crossings. Details: 0645 333666.

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Plantation failure in the Caribbean

By DAVID CHURCHILL

outside investors including the

Maldive family - believed to

be of Iranian extraction. The

ed part of the island on a

former copra estate and

opened amid some controver-

sy about its impact on the local

environment. The hotel of-

fered all modern facilities,

including a top restaurant, health and fitness bar and

However, when David

bean, left last Christmas, it is

Under the financial restruc-

turing plan currently being negotiated, the St Lucia Gov-

ernment is expected to invest

some \$4 million in the hotel.

with \$2 million from the

Maldive (amily and another \$2 million from a hotel opera-

tor, believed to be Hilton

ton International, said yester-

day it was in talks with the

hotel's owners and the St

Lucian Government to take

over the running of the hotel,

with a planned reopening in

the autumn. Although Hilton

said it had not finalised plans

for the hotel, it is likely to offer

a four-star rather than a five-

Jalousie's problems contrast sharply with the success of the Sandals Resorts on St Lucia which are full this month.

Sandals St Lucia and the

newly opened Sandals Hal-

cyon Beach offer all-inclusive

holidays for couples. Elaine

Vaughan, Sandals' UK direc-

tor of sales, said "the success

of the all-inclusive concept is

shown by the high occupancy

Ladbroke, which owns Hil-

international.

Star service.

sports activities.

THE Jalousie Plantation resort in St Lucia, one of the Caribbean's top luxury hotels. closed down suddenly last week after reportedly sustain-

ing substantial losses.

The leading tour operator Elegant Resorts said yester-day it had stopped booking British holidaymakers to the Jalousie Plantation earlier this year after receiving com-plaints from guests. It is our policy to stop selling hotels where there are complaints and so we moved our guests to another luxury hotel on the island," the company said.

The 320-acre resort hotel, with 114 rooms and comages, offered an all-inclusive holiday costing up to £3,600 per person for a two-week stay. This price covered not only accommodation but also all meals and drinks, a popular package offered in Caribbean hotels.

Observers believe the Jalousie Plantation's up-market clientele wanted a more select holiday than the all-inclusive deal it offered. "It was a very expensive product to try to sell," said Martin Gras, European vice-president for sales and marketing for Superclubs which operates a number of all-inclusive resorts around the Caribbean, but not the Jalousie,

The type of guest the Jalousie appeared to attract were sophisticated and wealthy enough, for example, to want to choose their own wines rather than have access only to the limited list available. They are not the sort who wanted free American champagne instead of

genuine French wines." The Jaiousie Plantation opened in the early 1990s after part of the estate was sold to Row over Burma holidays

A LEADING holiday company is flying in the face of mounting opposition to the military regime in Burma by placing full-page glossy advertisements for a series of journeys through the troubled Politicians, pressure groups

hotel was located in an isolatand even some four operators have urged holidaymakers to boycon Burma in protest at the 'evil regime' which has continued to rule the country despite the victory of the main opposition party, led by Aung San Suu Kyi, in democratic elections in 1990. Critics claim slave labour is

being used to develop tourist Brewer, the hotel's popular sites and the US Government general manager who was widely known in the Caribis contemplating a call for a world boycott of tourism to Burma. Bur Voyages Jules believed the hotel's standards Verne of London has not mentioned the controversy in its advertisements, Instead, it claims that "the happiness and serenity of the Burmese people radiates from within and this is Burma's greatest gift to visitors: the opportunity to interact with its people."

Alan Jones, of the company's marketing department, says: "We are aware of some people's opinion of the Burmese Government but we believe everyone has the right to choose whether to visit the country. Tourism is all about opening up countries and is one way of changing them. We were one of the first companies to take people to China when some argued it was not right to do so. Now tourists are going in huge numbers."

Mr Jones said Voyages Jules Verne is looking for groups of 30 for each of its 30 weekly trips and added that it had acquired the Government's blessing.

Last month a joint letter about human rights abuses in Burma was sent by eight holiday companies British serving the country to the hotels and tourism minister in Rangoon, it expressed concern



The Thatbyinnyu temple at Pagan, and (inset) Aung San Suu Kyi. leader of the opposition to Burma's military regime

company representatives and

politicians. Patricia Barnett,

Tourism Concern's director.

said: "This is the first time tour

operators have made state-

ments on human rights

PINKERTON'S EYE

A monthly column from the

security and detection agency

In China, muggings in the main cities, sexual harass-

ment and crime on trains are increasing. Foreigners are

now regular targets. The Free

Papua Movement (OPM) sep-

aratists is reported to be

targeting US citizens and busi-

nesses for hostage-taking and

sabotage in Indonesia. All

travellers are advised to stay

in the larger towns. Tough economic times in Mexico and

Venezuela have brought vio-

lent street protests. In Venezu-

ela there has been a surge in

crime in Caracas. In Mexico

an increase in robbery, kidnap

and murder, especially in Mexico City and Cuernavaca.

has led to calls for the return of

capital punishment.

LOW RISK

about reports of forced labour on tourism developments and of people being ordered to leave their homes because of new projects.

The letter added: "Traveliers recently returned have told how their visit was spoiled by disruption to their itinerary, by restric tions on their movements and

by government harassment." abuses related to tourism development ... we are very pleased they are taking such The letter resulted from a meeting at the House of Commons organised by Tourism ssues on board." Concern, attended by holiday

Among the signatories was Philip Normington of Exodus, who says: "We now tell prospective clients about the political situation in Burma and the human rights issues. There has been a drop in book-

JERSEY is to go into the

marriage business to compete with Caribbean islands offering all-inclusive wedding and

holiday packages. The in-

creasingly popular wedding

and honeymoon holiday pack-

age is often significantly

cheaper than a traditional

At present, only those able

because a couple have to

register and stay for 18 days

before formally tying the knot.

the island assembly, however,

will cut the wait to two days

for couples who make postal

applications and complete all the paperwork before travel-

ling there.
The new law, scheduled to

be in force by the end of the year, will also help less

organised couples who do not

manage to send their applica-

tion in by post. For them the

waiting time after registering

on the island will be cut to just

ten days, enabling them to

cram wedding and honey-

Jersey is also moving up-market, having shed 5,000 of its cheaper bed and breakfast

rooms over the past five years

and encouraged the owners of

the remaining 20,000 to im-

governments within the com-

munity, claims the outgoing

head of Britain's Civil Avia-

Sir Christopher Chataway.

who retired at the end of last

week as head of the body

responsible for the safety and

maintenance of all British-

body with absolute powers to

control all aspects of airline

operations to be set up

immediately.

The existing voluntary org-

anisation, known as the Joint

Aviation Authorities (JAA), is

not working because of

disagreements among indi-

vidual member states, he says

in a valedictory interview in

"The whole area of safety is

very worrying," he says. "The

JAA has not proved up to the

job of regulating operations

and maintenance and therefore we have to have within

Europe a new structure." Unless Europe's airlines

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Legislation going through

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ings and we shall probably run only three trips this year,

Jersey woos the

wedding trade

By IAN MURRAY

compared with six last year. We try to ensure that our trips help the poor communities, but inevitably some money will go to the Government. We take the view, however, that isolating Burma would only increase the xenophobia of the

Hotels such as l'Horizon, facing the wide sands on St Brelade's Bay, or the Atlantic,

where the manicured lawns

stretch down to the sunset, can

compete with the best the

Caribbean can offer. The Sea

Crest at Petit Port, winner of

the island's good food festival

award this year, does things

with oysters and red mullet

The tides are so high on Jersey that the island in-

creases in size from 45 to 63

square miles at the ebb. With-

in that small area are

crammed attractions as varied as a butterfly farm, a steam

museum, an underground German hospital, an orchid

research foundation and

A new system of "green

lanes" on more remote roads

slows traffic to 15mph, encour-

aging walkers and cyclists. The British are still the is-

land's main visitors, although

there are 120,000 French day-

trippers and a growing num-ber from further afield in

Europe. The Norwegians.

thanks to a recent screening of

Bergerac, are among the most

enthusiastic new arrivals but

it could be a kind of homecom-

ing for some. For their ances-

tors, the Norsemen, con-quered the islands more than

EU arguments put flights at risk, reports Harvey Elliott

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vineyards.

TRAVEL NOTES

Moldova: a match too far?

BEFORE a ball has been kicked in the European Championship finals, which start at Wembley on Saturday, fans are being offered the chance to see England's first qualifying match in the World Cup finals in 1998.

The match is away against Moldova in September, but David Dryer Sports Tours believes enough supporters will want to see England's first game under Glenn Hoddle, the new manager, to justify the trip. The package includes return BA flights to Bucharest. onward flights with Moluova Airways to Kishiniev and three nights bed and breakfast in a hotel near the ground, all

Think small

One of Britain's smallest airlines is looking for air hostesses - but only anyone under 5ft 3in need apply. Cambridge-based Suckling Airways flies tiny Dornier aircraft on routes to Manchester, Norwich, Amsterdam and Ireland and anyone over that height would be too tall to stand in the cabin.

Cruising along
A ship originally destined to be a Russian minesweeper will tomorrow be named by the Duchess of Gloucester as a luxury cruise liner. The 12,000-ton Swan Hellenic's Minerva was converted from a Russian-built hull at Mariotto Shipyards in Genoa, Italy, and will be used for

Pet hates

The things holidaying Britons hate most are mosquitoes, other British tourists and foreign food, according to a survey by Midland Bank. The survey also showed that nearly one in three people had suffered sunburn while away: almost one in five admitted to having had a holiday romance; and the things people missed were their own beds, followed by family and pets.

Vintage year

To the delight of wine-loving travellers to Spain, the rioja of 1995, of which a record 217 million litres were produced. has just been officially ad-judged "excellent". Official tasters of Rioja's Consejo Regulador de la Denominación de Origen Calificada. which oversees the region's vineyards and controls the quality of their wine, sipped their way through more than 3,000 different samples.

Sitting pretty

The Alexander the Great Hotel in the Cyprus resort of Paphos has banned the use of an early-morning beach towel Instead guests are issued with a ticket for a sun-chair.

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MODERATE RISK Rising crime rates in Bangladesh, particularly Dhaka and Chittagong, make it a moderate risk area. An increase in the use of weapons is reported. Violence is also likely to precede the parliamentary elections on June 12. PKK Leader Abdullah Ocelan has again threatened the tourist industry in Turkey although so far no attacks have materialised. Travel in the southeast is not recommended. The lead-up to the June 26 local elections in the volatile KwaZulu-Natal FU FIRST - RESIDENS - PRODUCEM - ECONOMIC CLASS TO OFFE region of South Africa, which includes Durban, could be 200 DESTRUCTIONS AND SAVE UP TO SIT'S ON AMERICANAS marred by violence. PAPORETT AND HOLDS HOTELS AND CAR MENTALS

HIGH RISK

On May 24 India issued a nationwide alert ordering increased security at airports, stations and bus depots after fatal bombings in Delhi and Rajasthan. A recent change in the Islamic penal code in Iran means the death penalty for anyone convicted of revealing to foreigners national classified information, including economic, political, scientific and social. Business travellers should be extremely cautious in eliciting such information.

EXTREME RISK

Algeria remains an extreme risk area, with car bombs and assassinations plus last month's murder of seven French monks. Bujumbura, the capital of Burundi, has been declared a battle zone. Pinkerton 01420 544024



Sir Christopher: worried

had a single safety code within which to operate.

"flags-of-convenience" airlines could proliferate with standards of maintenance which were not of the same uniformly high level and whose pilots were forced to work "unsafe" hours.

"It has been impossible to form the agreements needed to ensure safety on an informal club basis," says Sir Christopher. "We now have to

have a new legally based system which will ensure that member states all operate under the same rules." The long term aim, he says. is to obtain common aviation

safety standards throughout the world so that passengers would know they were flying on aircraft maintained to, and flown at, the same high standard wherever they travelled. He predicts that the CAA

will hand over all its regulatory powers and its control of air fares to a central European body within the next few years. Its responsibility for air traffic control over Britain, he says, will either be privatised or established, under a Labour government, as a separate state-controlled enterprise.

This week Sir Malcolm Field, former chief executive of WH Smith, took over from 65-year-old Sir Christopher as chairman of the CAA.

In his farewell interview, Sir Christopher says his greatest disappointment during his five-year chairmanship of the CAA was failing to achieve a new way of funding air traffic

Finance company entitled to recover advance from mortgagors

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Steyn, Lord Hoffmann and Lord [Judgment May 23]

By a claim in restitution, a finance mpany was entitled to recover from mortgagors the amount of an advance made to them which was secured by a mortgage over their property even though by reason of alteration to the mortgage in strument they, had been dis-charged from liability thereunder.

ne Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held in dis ing an appeal by the appellants, Murray Stanley Goss and Jennifer Roseanne Goss, from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand (1995) NZLR 263) allow ing an appeal by the respondent. Laurence George Chilcott as liq-uidator of Central Acceptance Ltd. from Mr Justice Neazor in the High Court of New Zealand who had dismissed the respondent's

action against the appellants. Mr Christopher Walshaw, of the New Zealand Bar, for the appel-New Zealand Bar, for the

LORD GOFF said that the the appellants secured by a

The mortgage instrument was subsequently altered by a solicitor. Mr Haddon, in circumstances in which, on the authority of cases

((1614) II Co Rep 26b), the appel-lants were discharged from liability under the instrument from the date of the alteration. The ques was on what basis, if any, the company was entitled to recover amount of the advance from

Haddon, a director of a small finance company, had put forward a proposal for a loan to the sister. The proposal, which was agreed to, was for an advance of agreed to, was for an advance of NZ\$30,000 for three months on the of the appellants' security

On May 6, 1987, a cheque for \$30,000 drawn on the company's account was paid to Haddon Marshall & Co for the credit of the mortgagors. The mortgage was executed and secured a principal sum of \$30,000 repayable on August 6, 1987, carrying interest payable on three dates. Mr Goss's evidence was that Mr

Haddon had told him that he wanted to borrow \$30,000 but as a director could not borrow from the company. Mr Haddon had asked him to give a mortgage over his property on the basis that Mr Haddon would repay the loan in three months and then have the security cancelled. Mr Goss had

altered, the repayment date being amended to May 6, 1988, and the interest dates were also amended. That was done without the mortgagors' authority or knowledge.
Only two repayments were made to the company in respect of the loan: \$914.25 on July 31, 1987, and \$2,625 on November Both were appropriated to interest

Mr Goss said that in September, 1987, Mr Haddon had led him to eve that the loan had be repaid and the security cancelled. The company commenced proceedings against the appellants and Mr Justice Neazor reached a number of conclusions on the lacts which were accepted by the Court

He held that there were two transactions: a loan by the company to the appellants, secured by a mortgage on the appellants property, and a personal loan of the same sum by the appellants to Mr Haddon. He rejected a sub-mission by the appellants that they had never received the money, which had been paid to Mr Haddon whom the authorised to receive it. they had

He held that the mortgage instrument was in the possession of Mr Haddon at the time when it was altered; and that the pos-session of Mr Haddon at that time had to be held to have been the He held that the company was

unable to sue the appellants on the mortgage instrument and that its alternative claim for money had and received failed because there had been no failure of consideration for the advance, consideration having been furnished for it in the form of a valid registrable

The Court of Appeal likewise rejected the company's claim under the mortgage ins but held it was entitled to rely simply on the advance, and an ent to repay it in three

months, together with an implied nt to pay monthly interest. They held that the company was ed to recover the advance but not interest and gave judgment against the appellants for \$26,460.75, the capital sum of the advance, which was treated as having been reduced by the two

Mr Reardon felt unable to phold the Court of Appeal's lecision that the outstan notwithstanding the avoidance of the mortgage instrument, or that a preceding oral agreement by the appellants to repay the advance survived the discharge of the appellants from liability under the ortgage instrument.

Their Lordships were unable to conclusion that the company could tion because there had been no al failure of consideration for

The advance was paid by the company to Haddon Marshall & Co, as solicitors. After execution of the mortgage instrument it was then available to the appellants but was in fact received by Mr Haddon, as agreed between him and the appellants.

appeared to have been advanced to the appellants pursuant to the terms of the mortgage instrument, the consideration for the advan being expressed to be the personal covenants by the appellants to repay the advance upon those

But the consideration, nece ily implicit if not explicit in every loan contract, was the consideration necessary for the formation of the contract; and, as Viscount served in Fibrosa Spolka Akcejna v Fairbaira Lawson Combe Barbour Ltd (1943 AC 32, 48):

"when one is considering the law of failure of consideration and of the quasi-contractual right to remoney on that ground, it is, generally speaking, not the promise which is referred to as the consideration, but the perfor mance of the promise . . . there are endless examples which show that money can be recovered, as for a complete failure of consideration. in cases where the promise was given but could not be fulfilled."

in the case of a loan of money any failure by the borrower to repay the loan, in whole or in part. by the due date, would ordinarily give rise to a claim in contract for ent of the part of the loan which was then due. There would generally be no need to have recourse to a remedy in restitution. But that course was not open to

the company, because the appel-lants had been discharged from

gage instrument and so the com-pany had to seek recovery in If the appellants had been dis-

reed from liability when they had paid nothing by way of principal or interest, to the comminciple why it should not be able to recover the amount of the advance on the ground that the money had been paid for a consideration which had failed: lants to perform their contractual obligation to repay the loan, there being no suggestion of any illegal-ity or other ground of policy which preciuded recovery in restitution in

Although no part of the principal sum had been repaid, two instal-ments of inserest had been paid precluded recovery on the basis that the failure of consideration for the advance was not total. Their Lordships did not think so. The function of the interest

payments was to pay for the use of the capital sum over the period for which the loan was outstanding. which was separate and distinct from the obligation to repay the capital sum itself. It was both legitimate and appropriate for

Since it was unknown when the morigage instrument was aftered, it could not be known whether the interest payments had fallen due beforehand. If so, there would

decided in 1993 not to refer the case

back to the Court of Appeal but

her behalf the case was referred

under section 17(that of the Crim-

inal Appeal Act 1968. On the

hearing of the Home Secretary's

reference fresh medical evidence

about the appellant's personality

disorder relevant to provocation

An order was made prohibiting reporting of the judgment until after retrial at the crown court.

Mr Michael Mansfield, QC and

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.

giving the reserved judgment of the court, said, reliance having

been placed on the appellant's suffering from banered woman

syndrome, the principle was that a defendant, even if suffering from

that syndrome, could not succeed

in relying on provocation unless the jury considered she suffered or

Mr Edward Fitzgerald, QC, for the appellant: Mr Brian R. Escott Cox.

after further representati

was admitted.

OC. for the Crown.

payments rendering them recover-able by the appellants; but that would not affect the conclusion that there had been a total failure of consideration in respect of the capital sum, so that the latter would be recoverable by the com-

pany in full on that ground.

If the second interest payment did not fall due until after the avoidance of the instrument, the consideration for that interest paynent would have failed, at least if it was payable in advance, and it would prima facie be recoverab by the appellants on the ground of failure of consideration; but that would not affect the conclusion that the capital sum would be recoverable by the company also on that ground.

Since no part of the capital sum had been repaid, the failure of consideration for the capital sum would plainly have been total. But even if part of the capital sum had been repaid, the law would not hesitate to hold that the balance of the toan outstanding would be recoverable on the ground of failure of consideration; for at least in those cases in which apportionment could be carried out difficulty, the law would allow partial recovery on that ground.

With the development of a law of restitution founded upon the prin ciple of unjust enrichment, the defence of change of position was widely applicable at common law. Even so, their Lordships were unable to accept that there was a change of position by the appellants which rendered it inequitable to require them to make

restitution. From the beginning the appellants were under an obligation to repay the advance once it had been paid to them or to their order, and

that obligation was unaffected by them allowing the money to be paid over to Mr Haddon. The alteration of the mortgage instrument discharged their contractual obligation to repay the

money: but they had nevertheless been enriched by the receipt of the money, and prima facie were liable restitution to restore it. In allowing the money to be paid to Mr Haddon, they had delib-erately taken the risk that he would be unable to repay the money,

whereupon they would have to Since any action by them against Mr. Haddon would now be fruitless they were seeking, by invoking the defence of change of position. to shift that loss on to the company. They could not do so.

The fact that they could not now obtain reimbursement from Mr Haddon did not in the circumstances render it inequitable for them to be required to make restitution to the company in respect of the enrichment which they had received at the company's

Accordingly, their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be dismissed. Solicitors: Herbert Smith;

Tax payable when benefit is available

es) v Jacoba

Before Mr Justice Jonathan Parker **Judgment May 22** Liability to Schedule E income tax

for benefits in kind provided by reason of a taxpayer's employment under section 154 of the income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 did not arise until such time as the benefit became available to the taxpayer for his enjoyment. Mr Justice Jonathan Parker so

held in the Chancery Division when allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination of a special commissioner (Mr T. H. K. Everett) that had reduced a Schedule E tax assessment raised on the taxpayer, Mr Mark S. Jacobs, for

The commissioner had held that the benefit, being an amount of £20,908 paid to building contractors for a loft conversion at the taxoaver's home, was assessable in was made, and not during the year

Templeton (Inspector of Tax- in which the building work was completed and the conversion available for use Section 154 of the 1988 Act

"(I) ... Where in any year a person is employed ... and -- (a) by reason of his employment there is provided for him . . . any benefit to which this section applies ... there is to be treated as emoluments of the employment, and accordingly chargeable to tax under Schedule E, an amount

equivalent of the benefit." Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown; Mr Patrick Way for Mr

MR JUSTICE JONATHAN PARKER said that in January 1991 Mr Jacobs had accepted an offer of employment by City Electrical Factors Ltd to commence on May

The employment required him to work from home and CEF had agreed to carry out a loft conver-

sion at Mr Jacobs' home to provide him with an office.

In March 1991 CEF paid £20,158 The work began in July and the loft was available for use as as office from Sentember 1991.

From April 1991 CEF paid Mr acobs rent at the rate of £4,800 for that part of his house used as his office. He had conceded that he had obtained a benefit from the installation of the conversion. The commissioner found that a equal to whatever is the cash

binding obligation had been en-tered into by Mr Jacobs future employer. CEF did everything which it had to do to fulfil its commitment before April 6, 1991. Nothing further remained for CEF to do during the following tax year. There was no claw-back arrangement in the event of an early termination of Mr Jacobs' employment with CEF did not commence until May i, 1991, and therefore he was outwith the terms

commissioner's approach was incorrect. Mr Jacobs had no rights in or under the contract between CEF and the builders. The relevant henefit, he submitted, was "provided" when received by Mr

Jacobs: when he got it. His Lordship agreed Mr Brennan's submissions were correct. No benefit was "provided" for the purposes of section 154 until the henefit in question became available to be enjoyed by the taxpayer. Prior to that point in time there could be no relevant benefit to the

Arrangements made by an em-ployer or steps taken by him were not the touchstones for deciding when the benefit had been provider).

taxpayer in respect of which a

and the benefit to Mr Jacob fell to be assessed for the year 1991-92. Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue: Nabarro Nathanson.

Battered woman syndrome defence Regina v Thoraton (Sara Elimbeth)

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Hidden and Mrs Justice Ebsworth

Budement December 13 A defendant suffering from bat-tered woman syndrome could not succeed in relying on provocation unless the jury considered that she had suffered or might have suffered a temporary joss of self-control at the time of the killing.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal an appeal by Sara Elizabeti Thornton against conviction at Birmingham Crown Court after a nine-day hearing before Mr Justice lgor Judge and a jury in February 1990 on a charge of murdering her drunken second husband after a stormy marriage of less than a year. She had stabbed him when he was lying on a sofa with a kitchen knife she had sharpened.

A previous appeal in 1991 was ismissed. The Home Secretary

might have suffered a sudden and temporary loss of self-control at the time of the killing.

That was not to say that battered woman syndrome had no relevance to the defence of provocation. The severity of such a syndrome and the extent to which it might have affected a particular defendant would no doubt vary and was for the jury to consider.

Flowever, it might be relevant in that first it might form an ever triggered the actus reus. A jury might more readily find there was a sudden loss of control triggered by even a minor incident if the defendant had endured abuse over a period, on the last

straw basis. Second, depending on the medical evidence, the syndrome might have affected the defendant's personality so as to constitute a significant characteristic relevant thetical reasonable woman

possessing the appellant's

characteristics would have reacted to the provocative conduct so as to The crucial first question was whether, in fact, the appellant herself was caused suddenly to lose her self-control by that

conduct. in relation to the appellant's personality disorder and the furthe element of battered woman syndrome as relevant characteris nes for consideration, the jury would have been given directions in accordance with the light of authorities decided after the trial and medical knowledge which had

The fresh evidence and clarification of the law cast doubt on the basis of the jury's verdict, which could not be regarded as sale and satisfactory. Public interest required that a retrial be ordered.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co; Crown Prosecution Service,

Luxembourg

European Law Report

Liability to pay damages over ban on export of live animals

Regina v Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ex parte Hedley Lomas (Ire-

Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President and Judges C. N. Kakouris, D. A. O. Edward, G. Schockweller, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, P. J. G. Kapteyn, J. L. Murray, H. Ragnemaim and L.

Advocate General P. Léger (Opinion June 20, 1995) [Judgment May 23]

The refusal by one member state to grant a licence for the export to another member state of live sheep for slaughter, which constituted s quantitative restriction on exports in breach of article 34 of the EC Treaty, could not be justified, under article 36, by the first member state's belief that the complying with an EEC directive relating to the protection of animais intended for slaughter.

A member state had an obligation to make good damage caused to an individual by a refusal to . issue an export licence in breach of were satisfied.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court, by order of December 6, 1993.

Article 36 of the Treaty provides: "The provisions of articles 30 to 34 shall not preclude prohibitions or restrictions on ... exports ... justified on grounds of ... the protection of health and life of ...

In its judgment the European

Council Ofrective 74/577/EEC of November 18, 1974 on stunning of 1.316 p10) was intended to remove the disparities between the legislation of member states in the field of protection of animals which di-

Court of Justice held:

the common market. it also sought, in general, to avoid all forms of cruelty to animais and, as a first step, unnecessary suffering on the part of animals when being slaugh-tered. Articles I and 2 required member states to ensure the stunning, by appropriate approved methods of certain animals for slaughter, including sheen.

> The directive did not harmonise procedures for monitoring compliance with its provisions. The directive was transposed in

> Spain in 1987 by a decree which

reproduced in particular articles I penalty for breach of its provisions Despite the adoption of that decree, the Ministry of Agri-

culture. Fisheries and Food became convinced, in particular on the basis of information obtained Protection of Animals, that a number of Specish slaughterhouses were not complying with the rules in the directive, either because they did not have the necessary equipment for stunning animals or because the equipment was not being used correctly or at

Although it did not have sufficient evidence as to the overall position in Spanish slaughter-houses, the ministry formed the view that the information in its possession indicated a degree of non-compliance with the directive

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such as to create a substantial risk that animals exported to Spain for slaughter would suffer treatment contrary to the directive. Accordingly, between April 1990 and January 1993 the ministry sytematically refused to issue li-

cences for the export to Spain of After the United Kingdom and Spanish Governments had drawn up measures to ensure that anisent from the United King dom for immediate slaughter in Spain would be sent only to slaughterhouses which the Spanish authorities had confirmed as meeting Community requirements on animal welfare, the general ban

was lifted with effect from January 1, 1993. An application by Hedley Lomas in 1992 for an export licence for live sheep intended for slaughter in a specified Spanish slaughterhouse was refused, even though, according to information obtained by Hedley Lorges, that slaughteries Hedley Lomes, that slaughter house had been approved since 1986 and was complying with Community directives on animal welfare, and the United Kingdom authorities did not have any evi-

dence to the contrary. Hedley Lomas brought proceedings seeking a declaration that the refusal of an export licence was contrary to article 34 of the Treaty.

and damages.

The ministry did not deny that the refusal constituted a quantitative restriction on exports, but argued that it was justified under article 30.

The Divisional Coun's first question concerned the issue of justification.

That question was to be an swered against the factual back-ground in the present case that the ministry's general refusal of export licences for Spain was based solely on the conviction that a certain number of Spanish slaughterhouses were not complying with Directive 74/577 and that there was a significant risk that animals exported to Spain would, on slaughter, undergo treatment con-trary to the directive.

The protection of the health and life of animals referred to in article 36 constituted a fundamental requirement recognised by Community law. However, recourse to that article

was not possible where Com-munity directives provided for harmonisation of the measures necessary to achieve the specific objective which would be furthered by reliance on that pro-That exclusion of recourse to

article 36 could not be affected by the fact that, in the present case, the directive did not lay down any Community procedure for mun-noring compliance or any pen-alties in the event of breach of its means that the member states were obliged, in accordance with articles 5 and 189 of the Treaty. to take all incasures necessary to guar-antee the application and effectiveness of Community law.

In that regard, the member states had to rely on trust in each other to carry out inspections on their respective territories. A member state could not unilaterally adopt, on its own au-

thority, corrective or protective res designed to obviate any breach by another member state of rules of Community law.

The Divisional Court also asked

a question in relation to damages. The court referred to its holding in Joined Cases C-46/93 and C-Federal Republic of Germany (The Times March 7: [1996] 2 WLR 506, paragraph 5() that individuals had a right to reparation in the case of a breach of Community law attributable to a member state acting in a field in which it had a wide discretion to make legislative choices, where three conditions were met, and said that those three

conditions were also applicable in the circumstances of the present With regard to the first condition, that the rule of law must be intended to confer rights on in-dividuals, article 34, while imposing a prohibition on member states, also created rights for individuals which the national courts had to protect: (Case 83/78) Pig Marketing Board v Redmond (1978) ECR 2347. paragraphs ob

and 67). As to the second condition, that the breach must be sufficiently serious, where, at the time it member state was not called on to make any legislative choices and had only considerably reduced, or even no, discretion, the mere infringement of Community law might be sufficient to establish the existence of a sufficiently serious

In that respect, in the present case the United Kingdom was not even in a position to produce any proof of non-compliance with the directive by the particular slaughterhouse in question. The third condition, that there must be a direct causal link

tion resting on the state and the damage sustained, was a matter for the national court to determine. The Court then referred to further relevant requirements laid down in Joined Cases C-6/90 and CA190 Françovick v Italian 20. 1991: 119951 ICR 722: 119911 ECR 1-5357) and Brasserie du Pecheur.

On those grounds, the Court of Justice ruled: Community law precluded a ember state from invoking article 36 of the EC Treaty to justify a limitation of exports of goods to another member state on the sole

ground that, according to the first

state, the second state was not complying with the requirements of a Community harmonising directive which pursued the obje tive which article 36 was intended to protect but did not lay down either any procedure for monitoring their application or any pen-2 A member state had an obligation to make reparation for the damage caused to an individual by a refusal to issue an export licence in breach of article 34 of the Treaty where the rule of Community lay infringed was intended to confer rights on individuals, the breach

was a direct causal link between the breach and the damage sustained by the individuals Subject to that reservation, the state must make good the consequences of the loss or damage caused by a breach of Communicordance with its domestic law on

was sufficiently serious and there

liability. However, the conditions laid down by the applicable domestic laws must not be less favourable than those relating to similar domestic claims or framed in such a way as in practice to make it impossible or excessively difficult to obtain reparation.

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FILM I Redford and Pfeiffer strike no sparks in the "newscaster comes good" drama of Up Close & Personal



FILM 2 Complex but brilliant, The Confessional is a superb debut movie from Robert Lepage





FILM 3 .. but Spike Lee disappoints with

Girl 6, his loud and vacuous trip into the world of phone sex



FILM 4

... and Vampire in Brooklyn, with Eddie Murphy, falls uncertainly between comedy and horror

Talking heads on a road to nowhere

CINEMA: Geoff Brown sees two big Hollywood stars give birth to a bore in the weepie Up Close & Personal

n Up Close & Personal Mi-chelle Pfeiffer, a Miami television station's new recruit, is stumbling through her first, and last, weather report, wearing outsize sunglasses and a yellow windbreaker. "She eats the lens!" newsroom boss Robert Redford purrs admiringly. In the space of a few seconds, a star is born. One is half surprised the movie is not actually called A Star is Born: so many of its dramatic tricks come from that Hollywood classic about a showbiz marriage and the young performer who eclipses her partner.

Pfeiffer arrives in Miami gushing with ambition and dressed in screaming pink. As the two hours pass - and be warned, they pass slowly - she marries Redford, gains national recognition covering a prison riot, and changes her hairstyle seven times. Redford, one of those saintly media types who believe in truth and justice, grooms his protegée and then watches her run ahead. His own hair does not

This kind of story might carry weight in America, where the per-sonalities who deliver the news almost outshine the news itself. The script, indeed, was suggested by the life of newscaster Jessica Savitch, who sourced to the top with NBC before dying in a car accident in 1983. But in Britain, for all the razzle-dazzle director Jon Avnet brings to the re-creation of a TV studio, Up Close & Personal seems

as tasty as last week's toast. The stars, unfortunately, do not Redford offer assorted pleasures. Together, they strike no sparks, no matter how up close and personal they get. The 20-year age-gap plays some part; so does Redford's timidity. At 58 he is a little too old to be still playing twinkly-eyed romantic heroes, but he tries. He should take a leaf from Paul Newman's book, accept his age, and develop new

acting skills to match. When some theatre directors turn to the movies, they end up with celluloid studge. Not Robert Lepage. Watching The Confessional, his first film, you can almost see the theatrical wizard grinning gleefully over the tricks cinema offers. One cut of the editor's scissors and a car bonnet becomes a coffin. Or the

screen fills with the distorted face of Lothaire Bluteau, peering through a goldfish bowl. Or time will shift from past to present in a single camera movement, eloquently fulfilling the narrator's remark about the past carrying the present "like a child on its shoulders".

Lepage's delight in his new toy is infectious: he makes you realise there are so many other ways of telling a story than proceeding from A to Z. The Confessional, a Canadian-British-French venture, begins at K, darts back to C, and never reaches Z at all. We start in 1989, with Bluteau's return from China to Quebec City for his father's funeral.

Up Close & Personal Odeon Leicester Square 15, 126 mins Love and cliches in

the television newsroom The Confessional Lumiere, 15, 100 mins Dazzling cinema debut for Robert Lepage

Girl 6 Warner West End, 18, 108 mins Muddled Spike Lee comedy about phone sex

Vampire in Brooklyn Plaza, 15, 102 mins Eddie Murphy grows fangs Now and Then Odeon West End, PG, 102 mins Comball saga about

girls growing up Guiltrip MGM Tottenham Court Road 15, 90 mins Terse and memorable

But before long we land in 1952, when the city receives another visitor, Alfred Hitchcock, and the crew of his film I Confess.

Irish drama

Bluteau's aunt, lo at the time, works in the presbytery used as a location. Pregnant, she confesses to a priest who, like Montgomery Clift in Hitchcock's film, is bound by the rules to keep her secret. Back in the present, the child of that union undertakes his own search for his father. Identity, truth, fact versus



fiction, clashing cultures: these are some of the themes Lepage weaves into his edifice.

Sometimes the complexity is balfling. Sometimes the film suffers from undue significance: do we really need reports of the Tiananmen Square massacre filtering through on the radio? But most times Lepage delights with his playful imagination. There is plenty of sly humour to punctuate the Much stems from the presence of Hitchcock himself, played by lookalike Ron Burrage.

Lepage could teach a few other directors this week some lessons in visual control. Spike Lee, for example. Girl 6 follows his usual practice of flinging different photographic styles and textures at the screen. mounting the camera on what seem to be roller-skates, and shifting without warning between reality and fantasy. But the point of this frenetic carnival is much less clear

than usual. There is not even much of a story. Instead we get a string of comic sketches about Theresa Randle's heroine, an aspiring black actress who abandons one audition when

asked to disrobe, but then finds employment giving phone sex.

Lee bombards us with so many sensations that it is impossible to isolate a moral message in Suzan-Lori Parks's script: you need all your energy to keep pace with the men phoning in from cars or cockpits, the cameos by Quentin Tarantino and Madonna, or the bizarre pastiches of black stereotypes, from Carmen Jones to The Jeffersons. from the soundtrack's songs (by Prince) is hard work enough. There certainly is no time to penetrate far

inside Girl 6's head. Vampire in Brooklyn stars that shrinking violet Eddie Murphy. He co-produced, and developed the script with his two brothers. The wonder is that the film actually finds a good use for Murphy's preening ways; it makes him a vampire from the Caribbean, gives him golden eyes, and sets him loose in New York City seeking to

perpetuate his kind. He looks very eant, and has charisma to spare. The news is not all good. Vampire in Brooklyn is a comic horror film, and once it tilts more towards comedy it almost falls over. You can't say the director has no funnybone: Wes Craven is the ghoulish joker who made A Nightmare on Elm Street. But he is powerless to prevent disaster when his star and script take a wrong

Anyone nostalgic for those summer days in the tree-house in 1970 when they discovered boys and boobs and listened to the Jackson 5 may take special pleasure in watchat Them. The rest of us will find some comfort in the pleasant young cast, headed by Christina Ricci, but will groan at the script's rollcall of cliches. Equally dispiriting is the prospect of these girls growing into the likes of Demi Moore and Rosie O'Donnell, who play them as adults. The film. directed by former choreographer Lezli Linka Glatter, is the maiden effort of Moore's Moving Pictures; it is to be hoped that later ventures will move rather better.

After Hollywood's attempts to entertain, you fall with relief upon Guiltrip, a terse Irish drama, original in form, disturbing in content. Gerard Stembridge, the writer and director, is experienced in theatre and TV, but new to cinema. He is no

master of visual composition: the camera sticks boringly close to the characters, following them hither and yon. But the story he tells about Liam. Tina and their fractious marriage is so involving you never pine for pretty pictures.

Liam (Andrew Connolly) is an

army corporal. Quiet but dangerous, he expects his word to be obeyed. Their lives together leave Tina (Jasmine Russell) unfulfilled, al right liam returns drunk furious row. Flashbacks then take us through their day and show the passions rising. We see Liam eyeing a saucy girl: we see Tina receiving the flattering attentions of Ronnie (Peter Haniy), the manager of the electronics store with a bottomless barrel of mindless chat. These last scenes wriggle with sly

off our faces once characters get hurled against a cannon, kicked and maimed. Many film-makers come to Ireland to wallow in preenery and enjoy the studio facilities; they then home. But Stembridge lets treland shape his whole story, using modest resources to explore the terrors of a bad marriage in a country with no divorce laws.

comedy, but any smile gets wiped

SNAP

'Like a pop video'

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . .

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL Daniel Edelstyn, 19: Tacky and sentimental, An amal-gamation of tragedy and suc-cess is incessantly drummed into the minds of unsuspecting

Martin Constantine, 20: By no means gripping stuff. Everything is highly polished. except the script, which at times is quite simply embar-rassing. It is left to Redford and Pfeiffer to transform an inane drama into an ultimately entertaining film.

Donna Sharpe, 21: Not quite as bad as the nauseating poster implies, but nothing more than a slick Hollywood romantic drama.

Edward Dec. 18: Uninteresting but watchable. The love scenes were so dire, it became like a pop video. Perhaps its one redeeming feature is a fine supporting cast.

THE CONFESSIONAL Daniel: Dark, confused and only vaguely comprehensible. this melodrama takes itself far

too seriously. Martin: A predictable plot is masked by superfluous images and trite symbolism in what must be one of the most unnecessary films of the year. Donna: A film of complexity and pretension rather than profundity. Kristin Scott-Thomas and Lothaire Bluteau are wasted.

are wasteu.

Edward: Oh, it's another "meaningful" French film.

And it's blinding. Slickly produced, this confusing movie really grabbed me. Added cred for the use of Portishead.

Daniel: I was immediately taken in by its speed, but it Decomes Sancumo nious and dull. I was happy to see the final credits appear. Martin: The cameos from the likes of Madonna and Quentin Tarantino are more than a

over-indulges in sex talk. Donna: Another rung on the downward ladder which Spike Lee has been treading ever since the brilliant Do the Right Thing. Misogyny and directorial ambivalence combine to ill effect.

little irritating, and the film

Edward: The filming is inventive and very stylised, with surprisingly adept cameos from Tarantino and Madonna. I was intrigued all the way up to the quirky ending.

DEGAS: BEYOND IMPRESSIONISM — DAY TEN

Richard Cork concludes his guide to highlights of the National Gallery exhibition

N obody knows precisely who posed for the ecstatic series of Russian Dancer pictures, but there can be no doubt about their eruptive dynamism. Unlike the ballet dancers, these women seem to be performing in the open air. They do not need backdrops: the exotic brilliance of their swirling skirts provides Degas with enough spectacle on their own. In picture after picture, he seems to circle the same cluster of women and present them from different

Smaller studies in the series concentrate on single figures, enabling Degas to seize on the essence of their spirited movements. But in an image as ambitious as this

triumphant pastel, the figures are fused in a mass of orgiastic colour. Placed against a bare field, they fling their limbs outwards with irresistible abandon. The wild flowers bedecking their hair give them a festive air, as if they are celebrating a successful harvest. But they also rejoice in their own youthful vivacity.

The increasingly infirm Degas revels in the dancers' supple movements. If he envies their gusto and stamina, he does not allow it to affect the carnival mood of this supremely joyful image.

 Degas: Beyond Impressionism is at the National Gallery until Aug 26 (tickets from First Call,



"They do not need backdrops: the brilliance of their swirling skirts provides Degas with enough spectacle on their own": Russian Dancers (c 1899). Private collection, Canada

Marking the race card

THE start of the European football championships on Saturday, which will doubtles include Xenophobia versus Jingoism (a game of two half-wits), is being preceded on Radio 5 Live by a ten-day season called Race Around the UK. The timing is appropriate for the nation's main sports network.

John Barnes of Liverpool appears in one of the best of the season's programmes, I'm not an Uncle Tom, tomorrow night (9.35pm). Various other programmes have highlighted the grotesque treatment meted out to black people in Britain by whites, but I'm not an Uncle Tom takes intra-black hatred as its theme.

Barnes is not only one of the most skilful English players, he is also among the most articulate. He crystallises the special difficulties that black sports people have in relation to other blacks by saying that they "walk a thin line" beRADIO

tween acceptance in the wider. multiracial community and losing respect in the black one. The sensitivity between black sports people and their

community can be seen from the title, which is a quote by Frank Bruno. Upon winning the world heavyweight title last September, Bruno's first sentence into a microphone was not valedictory but defensive. "I'm not an Uncle Tom, I'm not a sell-out."

That accusation had been made by his black American opponent because Bruno, with his chat-show bonhomie and his pantomime appearances. is thought to have crossed the line to which Barnes refers. If so, the treatment of Bruno by some blacks is still unreasonable Ian Botham, another exponent of pantomime, is not said to have let down white

gramme more than a routine exposition of these matters is the attention it pays to Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin. Revisionist views suggest black people using the book as a source of insult are at best out of date.

Stowe's book, a bestseller in 1852 and never out of print. effectively began the dismantling of slavery by exposing its cruelty. More specifically, her portrayal of the hero as a man of dignity and loyalty is seen now as a celebration of virtues, even if that loyalty was to white slave-owners.

All this may seem a long way from the football starting this weekend. But the thugs about to descend on Wembley are the most visible manifestation of racism in this country. hope that they have listened to 5 Live this week for more than football previews.

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ANTHOLOGY. The first retrospective solutions of the innovamou American artist to be shown in Bertain for more it 25 years. Best known for his "soft" soutplumes, "giant" objects and coloss monuments, the show lessures 150 soutplumes, maquettes, drawings, notebook selectives and photographs Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre SEI (0171-928 3144), Opers from today, 10am-6pm (Tue and Wed lo Spm) Until August 18 (6)

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■ THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT

CIC. 15, 1995 WHAT happens when the widowed President gets a girlfriend? Some gentle human comedy and some gentle political digs, but not enough of either to sustain this lumbering, old-fash-ioned comedy romance directed by Rob Reiner. Two pleasing players, Michael Douglas and Annette Bening, help the time pass. Available to rent.

THE BATTLESHIP POTEMKIN

Tartan, PG, 1925 THE authorities wanted films to commemorate the 1905 Russian Revolution. Eisenstein gave them a cinematic revolution, and a masterpiece. A sailors' mutiny over maggot-infested food is brought roaring back to life with a brave new style of visual composition and editing, best displayed in the massacre on the Odessa Steps, one of the most imitated and parodied sequences in film history. This video copy from a 16mm print is a little tired, but serviceable.

■ CHUNGKING EXPRESS ICA Projects, 12, 1994 CULT director Wong Kar-wei's intoxi-cating ride through Hong Kong's bustling streets and neon. Two stories tell of lovelorn cops and their liaisons. But the mood is not melancholic Wong's bizarre sense of humour, hand-held camera and visual tricks create an infectious romp, with a larkish spirit unseen since the glory days of the French New Wave. Tony Cheung is especially charming as the uniformed cop of the second story, while Faye Wang deserves instant stardom as the fast-food gamine who



Oval Office romance: Michael Douglas and Annette Bening in Rob Reiner's comedy, The American President

A WALK IN THE CLOUDS Fox Guild, PG, 1995

ROMANTIC twaddle, exasperating and amusing by turns, with Keanu Reeves as a soldier who returns from the Second World War to find a new life in California's vineyards. The plot once served a lyrical Italian film, Four Steps in the Clouds, made in 1942: but Alfonso Arau's Hollywood revisions turn the lyricism to bathos, while the images suggest a feature-length wine

commercial. Spanish actress Aitana Sanchez-Gijon, as the pregnant girl for whom Reeves masquerades as a husband, seems deserving of better things. Available to rent.

THE WHITE BALLOON Electric, U, 1995

ENTRANCINGLY simple franian film about a little girl's epic struggle to buy a goldfish. After almost losing her banknote to snake charmers, she sees

it blown down a pavement grating. Can it be extricated before the shop shuts? Jafar Panahi's first feature unfolds in real time, so we share the tension as the minutes pass and shopkeepers and passers-by offer help or obstruction. The parade of roughedged humanity and Aida Mohammadkhani's determined face haunt you long after the film ends.

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The players leap high in a sinewy second-movement Polka, tinged with plangent melancholy, before Andras Fejer's cello leads the deeply searching threnody which is Smetana's slow-movement memorial to his wife. The cello is the prime mover throughout Borodin's Quartet No 2 in D as well. Emotion is recollected

in greater tranquillity here, as Borodin, a keen amateur cellist himself, pays tender tribute to his own wife in the wellknown album-leaf which is the Notturno. This is framed by a gently oscillating Scherzo and a Finale cross-hatched by constantly changing textures.

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PUCCINI

Tosca Eaglen/O'Neill/ Yurisich/ Philharmonia/ Parry Chandos CHAN

CHANDOS could be a little optimistic in printing the introduction to Tosca in four languages. This is Puccini in English, excellently articulated by the whole cast, and aimed principally at the home

It serves as a showcase for shade one or two of those who

at Covent Garden. Vissi d'arte (here Life has taught me) may lack the last ounce of emotional despair, but elsewhere Eaglen has Tosca's full measure, from the jealousy of Act I to the strength for burying a table knife into Scarpia's ribs. The voice ebbs and flows with the score, quite girlish to begin with but a fully dramatic soprano when the nastiness

Gregory Yurisich as Scarnia, the beast of Rome, is content to be merely suave at the start so that he can let rip when at home in the Palazzo ture chamber. Act'll is by far the most compelling of the three. Dennis O'Neill's Cavaradossi is properly defiant, but he always sounds better in Italian than in English and the role does not always lie well for him. The supporting cast is led with character by

Andrew Shore's Sacristan. David Parry's conducting of the Phliharmonia is almost too refined at the start, with many slow tempos, but he lets the rack is turning and the knives are out. A very good introduction for anvone just starting on Puccini.

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SIBELIUS The Wood Nymph:

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terest has surrounded the release of this disc, the latest in the Complete Sibelius Edition from BIS, featuring the world premiere recording of the Finnish composer's tone poem The Wood Nymph. The piece was written in 1894, making it not a student work but one contemporary with the Kullervo Symphony and the first version of En saga. Though performed alongside the First Symphony in 1899. The Wood

Nymph has been unknown to all but Sibelius experts for a century. Making use of Sibelius's familiar technique of climactic build-ups over a pedal-point, yet without the succinctness of the mature master, it is both a charming and an intriguing discovery. Also included on the disc is

a melodrama on the same subject, evocatively narrated by Lasse Poysti with piano, two homs and strings - an equally fascinating piece and similarly recorded for the first time. So, too, is the original 14movement suite of incidental music written by Sibelius for The final work is Sibelius's own orchestral version of a piano piece written in 1925 to accompany a recitation of Gripenberg's poem A Lonely Ski-Trail.

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How I shall Stage Verdi for Covent Garden: Luc Bondy lifts the curtain on his Don Carlos



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Carmen out of doors: at Holland Park. Bizet's tunes just manage to defeat the passing jumbos





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OPERA: John Higgins talks to director Luc Bondy about bringing Don Carlos to Covent Garden; plus Bizet in the park

Why we refresh the bits of Verdi that others cut

nly the English horse has been sacked. The production of *Don Car*los, which opens Covent Garden's Verdi Festival on Tuesday, carries substantially the same cast it had when playing to all-round acclaim and packed houses at the Chatelet in Paris in early spring. The roster of singers, led by Roberto Alagna in the title role and Thomas Hampson as Posa, has a strength recalling the great Visconti Carlos at the Royal Opera in 1958. But the home-bred steed in Act I which carries off Elisabeth de Valois (Karita Mattila) to meet her future husband, Philip II of Spain, has been replaced on grounds of unreliability. Luc Bondy, in London supervising his Paris staging, has recalled the white charger (plus handler) who behaved im-maculately at the Châtelet. Will

equus need an Equity card?

Carlos is Bondy's first excursion into Italian opera. Or rather French opera. This is the five-act Paris version, with a number of traditional cuts restored and a good deal of new light thrown on a work which now bids to be Verdi's grandest opera and, some would argue, his most complex. Bondy admits that it was the lure of doing something new which made him accept an assignment outside his normal operatic paths of Mozart and

"Patrice Chereau once said that staging opera can be lazy work for a director if you are content with putting on what is there already. But our Carlos is in part a reconstruction, using some of the recent discoveries by musicologists of what was cut by Verdi before the Paris first night. The most impor-tant comes after the death of Posa, the so-called Lacrymosa scene, in one another. Verdi reused the music, of course, in the Requiem. But without it the audience cannot understand fully that the father has taken everything from his son: first Elisabeth, the wife he wanted, and now his best friend.

"Equally, Carlos must have the opening Fontainebleau act. Carlos and Elisabeth fall instantly in love. the only time in the opera that we see la jeunesse en amour, the key to much that follows. If La Scala had invited me to do the four-act Italian version, I would have had to say no. Opening Carlos in the monastery

of San Yuste is totally unsexy." Loneliness in Carlos was one of the themes which attracted Bondy. He handled it superbly in Richard Strauss's Salome at Covent Garden a year ago in a production so mesmeric it made the Coliseum's

recent effort look tame. There is a great deal of isolation

French aristocrat living in exile. Posa is a loner because of his ideological beliefs. I have been criticised for giving Tom [Hampson long hair and a wild-eyed look. but I see him as half a Renaissance figure and half a Dostoevskian zealot, from The Possessed per-haps. Carlos's admiration for him has an unstated homoerotic content. Most isolated of all is King Philip, kept apart from others by

Bondy illustrates Philip's long



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LUC BONDY

Act IV meditation, Elle ne m'aime pas, by having Elisabeth alone in bed on stage. This was a deliberate attempt to overcome the problem always carried by big arias which almost everyone knows. The music is very familiar, but what about the content? Very unfamiliar to many. whatever they may say. At times like these, explanation is neces-

Approaching 50. Bondy is a wiry, energetic figure, bubbling with ideas. He is forthright, very unstarry-eyed and ready to concede

in Carlos. Elisabeth is in essence a that Carlos is not all gold. "The auto-da-fe scene is almost impossible. Musically it is terrible and how can you have all those people being burnt on stage when one minute later the curtain comes down and everyone bursts into applause. I have been accused of not liking speciacle. In part that is true: if it is spelt out, then it is boring. It has to be implied. I am not keen on autos-

du-f2.

"The close of the opera is also unsatisfactory. Who is this grandfather, Charles V, who takes Carlos into his arms? How does he differ from Philip II? Verdi's librettists let him down here, and for once he did not pull them up. He needed a Shakespeare to provide a presence

as potent as the Ghost in Hamlet." Bondy was born in Switzerland but his reputation was established first in Germany and notably at the Schaubühne in Berlin during the 1980s. There he learnt much from Peter Stein — "a rare example of practitioner, intellectual and teacher, one of the few men of the theatre ready to hand down his knowledge". Bondy introduced the Schaubühne to the work of Botho Strauss, an author with whom he has been much associated. When Stein left in 1985, Bondy was his natural successor, but he did not stay long. "All was running so well that there was nothing left to do." Sleep is not in Bondy's nature. In

between Don Carlos in Paris and Tuesday night in London he has been closeted in Normandy coscripting with Françoise Sagan a film of Maupassant's Bel-Ami. which he will start shooting next year. "I'm fascinated by this 'hero' whose career takes off with scarcely an obstacle in his way. The faster he rises the colder he becomes. Quite relevant for the 1990s?"

announced that he had had enough of opera for the time being. He has rethought that, while being reluctant to submit to its timetable. which ties up directors years ahead. He has his eye on Janáček's Katya Kabanova — no spectacle — which will move him back halfway in the direction of Lulu and Wozzeck, where his operatic career began under pressure from Anja Silja and Christoph von Dohnanyi. his later partners in Salome. And he is working with the composer Philippe Boesmans on an opera tentatively called The Jealousy of Leontes, based on A Winter's Tale. More problems with the super-natural when Hermione's statue

'No. Not the supernatural. She has been alive all the time: And anyhow it's Shakespeare." • Don Carlos opens at the Royal Opera House (0171-304 4000) on Tuesday



Give the man a cigar: both Antoni Garfield Henry as Don José and Klara Uleman in the title role shine in European Chamber Opera's production of Bizet's Carmen in Holland Park, west London

Smoke gets in your ears

THE Regent's Park theatre season is already up and running, and now it is time for opera in Holland Park, launched on Tuesday by European Chamber Opera's production of Carmen with a little competition from police sirens, umbo jets, peacocks and partygoers in the property next door. Bizet won, by a short head.

Conductors either know how this score should go or — the list is long, starting with Karajan — they do not. David Gibson falls happily into the first category: brisk speeds, crisp sound coaxed from a small but willing orchestra (timpanist gamely doubling harp-on-synthe-sizer) and the ability to cope calmly with one or two accidents, mostly in

Carmen Holland Park Theatre

the Guiraud recitatives. Mercifully, you do not hear these often nowadays, and it is salutory to be reminded how ghastly they are. The opera was sung in clear French, though some of the vowel sounds were decidedly personal.

Terry John Bates's production, in minimal decor and contemporary costumes by Liz Cooke, is straightforward and well-organised, with three really good fights. Those who derive innocent pleasure from watching nice English gels pretending to be slinky Iberians in their undies will enjoy the evening. A full-scale procession in the last act is beyond the resources of the company, and substituting a Peter Brook-style ritual for Escamillo is a neat solution, but putting the chorus off-stage is a bad idea: suddenly there were two perfor-mances about three seconds apart.

Gibson and Bates certainly allowed their soloists to shine, and two should shine ever more brightly in the future. Klara Uleman has a perfect Carmen voice, warm, musky and absolutely steady; she phrases with real insight and has good French. Antoni Garfield Henmusicals and straight theatre but made his operatic debut only last year (Broomhill, Luigi in Tabarro). He has a heroic tenor of enormous potential and, properly nurtured, could go far. Paula Bott, the homely Micaela, made little attempt to disguise a preference for her tempos rather than the conductor's. Jeffrey Carl was the preening Escamillo.

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Since the first night was for an invited audience, the sound englneers (uncredited) felt free to experiment. I can tell them that the first act was very good, the sound in the second simply intolerable, with amplification horribly distorting the singers' voices, and the rest more or less bearable, though in the Holland Park Theatre neither this cast nor Bizet have any need of

RODNEY MILNES

A little goose in need of some sauce

comes back to life?

irst, a confession. When I tried reading this novel some years ago, I gave up about two thirds of the way through because I could not endure the company of meekly mousy Fanny Price for one more page. So until seeing this bold and — what to call it? inventive adaptation by Willis Hall I had no idea what happened to the little goose after she departed, misunderstood by all, from Sir Thomas Bertram's stately Northamp-tonshire seat. Would the man she shyly, secretly, silently loves (Sir T's son, Edmund) continue to think he wants to marry cunning, cool, calculating Mary Crawford? How would Jane Austen contrive to bring the booby to his senses and pair him off with the girl who has worshipped him ever since she arrived at Mansfield Park as a ten-year-old all-but-

orphan Fanny? in Michael Rudman's breezy production, his first work here since giving up the job of artistic director in 1990. Lucy Scott makes a worthy try at turning the heroine from goose to human, though the task is probably impossible. Hall makes many changes to the way events are presented in the novel, and also gives Fanny a couple of tart rejoinders when Edmund's tactless praise of Mary really gets up her nose. Even I could tell that these were way out of character, as though a shrinking violet had suddenly leapt from

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the ground to bite the boot that

crushed it. When presenting the sweetnatured, good, uncomplaining, honest and scrupulous 99.9 per cent of Fanny's character. Scott manages to keep priggishness at a low level. She moves well, and charmingly greets her midshipman brother with a cry of delight. But Fanny's propriety is as difficult to take on the stage as on the page, and in one respect is open to serious confusion.

This concerns the crucial event in the book when the young Bertrams decide to put on a romantic play while Sir Thomas (Tony Britton, grave and serious) is away. The rehearsals bring susceptible persons disconcertingly close to one another and this forwards the plot, but the roleplaying is also a metaphor for emotional falseness. Fanny's excessive agitation at the prospect of acting leads one to think. "Oh, here she goes again." and the wider refer-

ence passes unnoticed. Rudman's production incorporates a fair bit of dancing. introducing the four young Bertrams by having them bound onto the stage, over the sofa and away. Necessary



Parklife: Lisa Goddard and Tony Britton in Michael Rudman's breezy Mansfield Park

information that even Hall cannot turn into dialogue is spoken by three servants, though only Clive Kneller's Harkness brings out the dry wit of the comments on lei-sured life. Poppy Miller subtly understates the amorality of Mary: Jay Villiers is an amusingly ox-like Rushworth.

The country-house set designed by Simon Higlett has charm, and Rudman's marshalling of his characters is deft but there is no disputing the thinness of the second half. Disasters rock the family but are poorly dramatised, so that the inevitable happy union. after a snappy comment from

Scott to Mark Jax's slowwined Edmund, really is an anticlimax. Sir Thomas's recognition of his faults as an educator, spelling out for the dimmest reader the novel's moral purpose, never gets a

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERT: A Thea Musgrave premiere in Scotland

Burns night songs

outside Dumfries confirms that there is indeed an "Arts Festival 1996," the newly pasted-on "6" making it seem all the more immediate. In the town itself earlyevening entertainment is restricted to an inexplicable traffic jam by the river and a choice between Indian and Chinese take-away; the only place to escape the rain, it seems, is the coffee shop in a Safeways big enough to accommodate an orchestra and a sizeable audience.

In fact, the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra's concert is just out of town in the Easterbrook Hall - turn off the main road at St Michael's Church and the Burns Mausoleum - in what turns out to be a splendidly landscaped mental hospital. Unlikely though it seems, it has to be the right place because Thea Musgrave is there already with her husband and a representative from Novello carrying scores of the Burns settings commissioned (before its embarrassing collapse) by the First Burns International Festival and about to be introduced to the world as the principal feature of the 17th Dumfries and Galloway

Arts Festival. Though inappropriately calls the Chants d'Auvergne,



Musgrave has revived her "Scottish heritage"

titled for the season. Musgrave's Songs for a Winter's Evening are most appealing, and well written for the Dumfries occasion. Resident in America for more than 20 years now, the composer had, she says, "to revive my Scottish heritage". She has done so with such effect that the music reverberates with echoes of melody of the sort which inspired Burns's poetry. in the atmosphere it creates and in the sentiment it displays, it re-

even though the idiom is obviously very different and Musgrave's use of traditional tunes is more allusive than direct: they are as likely to be woven, more or less fragmentarily, into the orchestral texture as poised on the vocal line. Moreover, unlike Canteloube's compilation, the seven songs are arranged as a cycle - covering a lifetime from I am my mammy's ae bairn to John Anderson my jo. John and rounded off with a subtle recall of the opening music towards the end.

The familiarity of the material, though reassuring to the audience, does not make the work easy to sing, since the vocal line so often veers away from the natural inflection and the expected harmo-

ny. The soloist Marie McLaughlin and the conductor Joseph Swensen had not solved all the problems. But, awkward though the performance occasionally was, the affectionate quality of the score - in the highly lyrical Summer's a pleasant time, for example, or the delightful scherzando duet between soprano and piccolo in O whistle an I'll come to ye - was everywhere in unmistakable evidence.

GERALD LARNER

Michèle Roberts on the genteel world of Anita Brookner, where still surfaces hardly betray the emotional turmoil beneath them

This new novel by Anita Brookner will probably delight her fans. Not only is its prose as impeccable and bandbox-crisp as ever, but its themes of unrequited love and discreet melancholia are those Brookner has made quintessentially her own. The very landscape evokes that of Hotel du Lac, her Booker winner, with its sleepy spa on the Franco-Swiss border, its "combination of dull weather and grave silence, the thin white mist that so often descends without warning and seems to lay delicate

fingers on the skin of one's face". Staying in Vif. well wrapped up against its chilly dusk, is the novel's hero, solicitor Alan Sherwood, who one evening leaves "the subdued comfort of the English Tea Rooms" to buy a newspaper at the little station, and imagines he sees there the figure of a woman he has loved hopelessly for years. The rest of the novel works to suggest why Sarah Miller, with her Pre-Raphaelite mane and her icy blue eyes, a rather commonplace flame-haired temptress, should be able to

Androgyny of a wounded heart

create such havoc in the lives those around her.

Anita Brookner's classic territory, the comfortable well-furnished London flats of well-behaved, wellmeaning, well-off bourgeois people who are cosmopolitan though emotionally reserved, is peopled in this new novel with instantly recognisable characters.

The awful Angela, who ends up marrying Alan, is summed up and dispatched by her prim blouse and pie-crust collar. Polish Jenny has broken feet" which suggest to Alan's family that her survival methods abroad have been less than scrupulously genteel. Sarah's flaimate Berthe has carelesslytossed hair and "the near-cockney accent of the upper-class English girl". There are two splendid aunts who live in the country, one or two adulterous solicitors, a sharply observed bachelor connoisseur called Aubrey.

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All these people dance to the music of Brookner's spinet in an endless succession of drinks parties, where shafts of lust or cruelty are concealed by the proffering of plates of pinwheel sandwiches and petits fours. Creating atmosphere is one of Brookner's gifts, and she does it superbly. The details are precise, immaculate, telling. As poor Alan drifts towards his tragedy, what you remember is the correctness of his raincoat and walking-shoes, his appreciation of mast chicken and lemon tart. Anita Brookner's novels remind

me of the work of Jean Rhys. with

its repeated insistence of the power

Brookner: sharply observed of sex, or a badly chosen lover, to blight a life for ever. Like Rhys. Brookner has described a kind of

mourning close to masochism

which has traditionally been asso-

femininity, making its effects all the more powerful because they are never explained, only recorded. Brookner's early novels of blighted female hopes dished out the blame fair and square, appor-tioning it between selfish men and equally selfish females, go-getting Ugly Sisters to the heroine's long-suffering Cinderella. In her recent books, Brookner

has allowed men, too, to have their tortured inner lives, and with Alan Sherwood, writhing helplessly on the rack Sarah invites him to occupy, she has produced her most "feminine" hero yet. Kind and decent he may be, but Alan lacks savvy. Summoning Sarah to a night of passion at the Hotel George V in Paris, he forgets to phone ahead and book a room. Sarah doesn't show, and who can blame her? Alan spends the night tramping the rainy boulevards,

losing both the girl's and our sympathy.

This novel pretends to be a work

of realism, but its structures are closer to fairy-tale. Like D. H. Lawrence. Brookner is writing about sex in order to express an elegiac lament for the loss of a nicer, earlier world, in which women supposedly did not hunt the pleasures of orgasm and money as ruthlessly as men, a world in which married women (middle-class ones, anyway) did not earn money at all and the NHS kept you in hospital as long as

Brookner is a fierce moralist. caricaturing her hates and putting her loves into thoughtful perspective. The novel works best when she is not explaining too much in order to drive her points home. which indicates a curious lack of self-confidence in such an experienced writer.

Alan, recounting his glum tale of loss and deceit and betrayal, is as fond of summing up as judge, as eloquent in his own defence as he is long-winded for the prosecution. After recounting a scene in which action is presented dramatically through dialogue, he has an irritating tendency to point out what he feels has just happened, thus preventing our attempts to invent our own interpretation.

e spends several pages explaining his views of Angela's psychological make-up, just in case we have drawn a different conclusion. He goes over and over his obsession with Sarah. This is not necessary in a novel as rich in descriptive detail, mood and idiom as this one. The effect is to make Alan less credible as a male character. A novel must create the illusion that its characters are real. at least if it is not a self-declared Post-Modern set of voices. Alan, alone and palely loitering, seems increasingly to express purely feminine pain and despair.

Conscience caught

Christopher Hitchens

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR A Story of War By Peter Maass Papermac, £10 ISBN 333 669 837

can remember when I first heard the tale. I was in Sarajevo at the time. A man from a Balkan "prison camp" — so called even though it had been set up by no government and was obliged to no recognised authority nor convention claimed that he had been forced to bite off another

Sarajevo in those days could expand your willingness to believe anything. But oh come on, I thought. Atrocity propaganda is cheap. You hear the same sorts of story every time: like those soldiers playing football with the heads of children. And then I met one second-hand witness, and then another. And then I thought, who would claim to have done such a thing, if he had not?

Peter Maass went a bit further. He interviewed the man who had said he'd actually seen it. He realised that the man had no special interest in made up his mind about the "incident" in that fashion. He inclined me to believe him.

To pass any time in this reporter's company is to be sure of him in this respect. He kept on finding things, and noticing things, that made him feel like the anonymous figure in Munch's painting of The Scream. And yet there is nothing dire or pornographic



in his narrative. He tried his level best to cover the implosion of Yugoslavia according to the standards of what might be called Washington Post objectivity. And he found that this wouldn't quite serve. But, as far as might be possible, he

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kept applying his basic training to the task in hand. The resulting tension makes for a strong book.

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the so-called warring factions. Like many people, he found it null and tedious to continue the standard feed about endlessly homicidal tribalism. He met many people who lived their lives without becoming Pascists or sadists, and he sets FOR TODAY'S down their account with the same precision that he gives to the tales from the crypt. He **HIGHFLYERS** became impelled to decide for himself whether all these fac-

reportorial "conflict of inter-

est" that was much more

morally exhausting than the

task of keeping score between

tions" were really equivalent.

And he had to ask himself if

the United States was conceivably a moral agent in what he

no longer saw as a quagmire. tried to read this book as if I could not guess the outcome of either dilemma. Should you desire to make up your mind, even at this rather advanced stage, you should choose to follow not Maass's account of external events but his diary of internal record-keeping. There is an active conscience at work, which is more than can be said for the ghost-like presence, in these pages, of what was once called "the

international community". Christopher Hitchens writes the Fin de Siècle column for Vanity Fair

Poets that know well their trade

WHEN AND how is literature "Irish"? Faced with rampant and multilingual diversity, this valuable new companionguide wisely opts for inclusive-ness. Writing in Gaelic is comprehensively surveyed; important plays and novels receive separate entries, as well as being considered under their author's name: historical concepts such as "Old English" and "The Irish Brigade" are sensibly ex-plained: relevant themes like place names" and "metrics" are dealt with authoritatively.

And who is "Irish"? In default of an Irish DNB, this book will inevitably double as a gazetteer of writers — a task previously filled by Anne Brady's and Brian Cleeve's useful but shorter Biographical Dic-tionary of Irish Writers. In this new volume, writers not often allowed to be Irish receive generous treatment — Joyce Cary, C. S. Lewis, Cecil Day-

Lewis to name but three. Congreve, however, claimed by Brady and Cleeve on the ground of an Irish education, is left out — probably a defensible choice. On the other hand, Welch includes writers who could never claim a green passport, but whose work directly impacts upon Ireland: Froude, Trollope, Carlyle, And an historical actor such as entry as an inspiration to Yeats and others, though his own poetry is not mentioned

– which is just as well. Of the more obvious inclusions, some entries are notably good: the eight columns on Joyce convey a miraculous amount of material with concision and intelligence, as do the four-and-a-half on the literary revival. The entry on Yeats is equally informative; it plays down his preoccupation with theatre which dominated so much of his life, but the Abbey has its own comprehensive entry.

The emphasis reflects recent trends in literary scholarship: newly fashionable precursors of the Irish literary renaissance like Samuel Ferguson. William Carleton and Thomas Moore are treated perceptive**Roy Foster**

THE OXFORD COMPANION TO IRISH LITERATURE Edited by Robert Welch, assistant editor Bruce Stewart OUP, £25 ISBN 0 19 866158 4



Casement: inspired Yeats

ly and at length, and the brief guides to further reading are admirably up-to-date. A strength of the Companion is its readiness to cross-reference: an entry on the immram ends with seductive connections to Tennyson, P. W. Joyce. A. P. Graves, Louis MacNeice and Paul Muldoon. The editor declares an intention to avoid jargon and he deserves heartfelt gratitude for succeeding.

THERE is much to relish between the lines - not least the pleasures of disagreement. It seems excessive to devote four columns on the erratic (and often inept) novelist Francis Stuart, whose unaccountable reputation seems more to do with longevity than anything else. There are inevitable lacunae — the novelist Pamela Hinkson's lesser work is mentioned, but not her rather better pseudonymous Great War fiction written as Peter Deane, recently highlighted by Hugh Cecil. And the editor

of any enterprise like this must be prepared to provoke a missing persons roster: my own would include the popular late-Victorian poet and editor Rose Kavanagh, her contemporary the historical novelist Lily MacManus, the publisher Elizabeth Corbet Yeats, the nationalist politician and Imagist poet Desmond FitzGerald, the short-story writer Margaret Barrington, the critics T. R. Henn and Edna Longley (included only as the wife of the poet Michael), the historian and crime-novelist Ruth Dudley Edwards, the poet and shortstory-writer Mary Dorcey, the novelist Anne Enright, the cultural commentator Fintan O'Toole and a number of Irish publishers (Maunsel & Co are in, but not Tower Press or

So much here is done so well that any reviewer must hesitate to cavil. But the point of a work like this is absolute accuracy, and even a cursory reading shows a pattern of small mistakes. Proof-reading is not impeccable (is there a reason why Day-Lewis's name is in lower-case, while other writers are full capitals?). Sev- ;

eral titles are wrongly cited. But these are hardly substantive points. Reprints will be frequent, and with them the ready there is more to include, such as Seamus Heaney's Nobel Prize, and the tragically early death of the charismatic poet Sean Dunne.

As this shows, the Companion does more than plug a necessary gap in the unevenly-filled shelf of Irish reference books. It records and celebrates an extraordinarily distinguished intellectual achievement. It demonstrates Ireland's wildly disproportionate contribution to drama, poetry and the whole enterprise of literary modernism. Above all, it shows that the business of writing not only sustains an intimate relationship with everyday life in Ireland, but produces an invisible export, tipping a decisive balance in the global cultural economy.

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Down from Olympus

enis Brian has gone halfway to producing a good book about Albert Einstein, having achieved the remarkable feat of telling the story of Einstein's life with only passing reference to his science. Like other recent biographers, Brian draws on material from the Einstein archives which has been released only in the past few years, and sheds new light on his personal life, in particular his relationship with his first wife, Mileva. It is right and proper to give this material precedence, precisely because it was not publicly available for so long. But the only reason anyone is interested in Einstein's personal life, such as the fact that he fathered an illegitimate child, is because of his fame as a

Without the science, the life is curiously lacking in context. like a biography of Gary Lineker which made only passing mention of the fact that he played foorball. This is especially true because, of all scientists, Einstein was the one who lived and breathed science, pushing personal relationships into the background to make room for his work unlike, say, Richard Feynman. who led a colourful personal life alongside his science.

scientist.

John Gribbin

EINSTEIN By Denis Brian John Wiley, £18.99 ISBN 0-171 114596

There is, though, much to enjoy in Brian's book, especially if you are already au fait with Einstein's scientific achievements, and can fill in the gaps for yourself.

provides the best account I have seen of Einstein's early life and the romance with Mileva, a fellow student at the Zurich Polytechnic while the years when Einstein worked at the Patent Office in Berne and discussed physics in his spare time with friends in the self-styled "Olympian Academy" come across as an idyllic time of youthful opti-

mism and enthusiasm for life. But we get no understand-ing of why it was Einstein, not one of the other "Olympians". who came up with the special theory of relativity and several other key ideas in 1905, nor do we learn how those seemingly diverse pieces of work actually fit together.

Ten years later, with Einstein separated from Mileva and living in Berlin on his



Einstein with Mileva and their son. Hans Albert (1904)

own, working intensively on his general theory of relativity. we get a superb insight into the balance between his science and the rest of his life with the image of him boiling an egg in a pan of soup to save time, stuffing both down his throat as quickly as possible to provide the fuel he needed to keep working, and suffering terrible bouts of indigestion.

But when Brian wants to tell us how important the general theory is, he can only fall back on quotes from Banesh Hoff-

man, who wrote an excellent biography of Einstein two decades ago. We only get the merest (and incomplete) mention of Einstein's great contributions to the development of quantum physics in the 1920s. but we get a detailed account of his travels to the United States and his meeting with

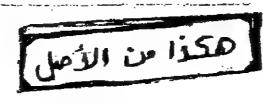
Charlie Chaplin. Less than halfway through the book, Einstein has reached the age of 50. All of his great work is behind him, and he has settled into a mundanc

routine. He did only two interesting things after 1929. One was to write to President Roosevelt suggesting the need for research into atomic wearons, the other was to turn down the offer of the presidency of Israel.

et in Brian's account the years 1929-55 occupy much more space than the years 1879-1929. Most of that space would have been better devoted to explaining Einstein's science. One wonders just what kind of reader the author has in mind when he explains, for example, that Winston Churchill was "an influential Conservative Member of Parliament". The obvious question to ask of the book, if it is still correct to do so in these days of BSE scares. "where's the beef?" The answer is that you'll have to find that somewhere else, per-haps in Hoffman's Albert Einstein or the excellent scientific biography by Abraham Pais. Subtle is the Lord.

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NEW AUTHORS MINERVA PRESS 2 Old Brompton Road London SW7 3DQ, England



Sleep's alchemy Elaine Feinstein mately to anyone: yet like Mimi herself this does not turbing novel, written with Diski's usual acu-THE DREAM ity, whose insights reflect an abandonment. MISTRESS intelligence well aware of its By Jenny Diski own vulnerability. It is a novel Weidenfeld & Nicolson, E15.99 ISBN 0-297-81709-4 about the fear of loneliness, the reluctance to accept the intrusion of companionship. and the absurdity of expecting

purpose in her handbag.

Mimi's father escapes; essen-

tially, the woman in Mimi's

story, and also in those she

So it is we enter the con-

sciousness of the injured

woman, or rather the inner

world Mimi fantasises for

her. Sometimes she is a bomb

blast victim, disfigured and

reclusive but loved, waiting

every evening for the man

who looks after her to return.

Sometimes she is Leah, And

for a time she is a figure given

miraculous power to restore

life to a dead child. None of

these imagined women can,

or even wants, to relate inti-

invents, do not.

such needs to be compatible. Like many of Diski's best stories, it is set in the ugly battleground of London now, and opens with a menacing evocation of the weaving drunks and shuffling homeless of Camden Town. It is there, in a darkened alley, that Mimi passes the figure of a sleeping derelict and finds herself returning to investi-gate whether the unconscious body might be injured and in need of help. She discovers an old woman, stinking with the filth of poverty and neglect, and calls an ambulance for her before returning to the confusions of life with her unfaithful lover, Jack

The paramedics, with savage irony, decide to name the unconscious woman Bella. As Mimi walks away, wondering who the woman might once have been, memories of her own lost mother, Leah, surprotect them from the fear of Mimi has learnt the ironic shrug of those who avoid pain

by replacing the desperation of emotional need with sex as a kind of wild greed. She despises the man she lives with, partly because he can't face to trouble her. Her sharpwork unless there is someone est childhood memory is of in the same room; yet her Leah. once deserted by detachment is equally patho-Mimi's father for another woman, recognising him in She has begun to fall asleep, Charing Cross and pursuing him with a knife kept for the

publicly, as a way of ensuring that "reality ... would recede like a star expanding away from the centre of the universe". At length, the logic of that retreat leaves her preferring to stay in bed altogether. Being with other people might have pleasurable mo-ments, she concludes, but her own dreams and the escape of sleep is a more reliable source of comfort. The derelict Bella, waking from her hospital bed of pain without memory of her own past is given a rather similar reflection: "Uncon-sciousness, at the moment, seemed a better bet." Only the quirky talent of Jenny Diski could make so bleak a vision engaging and even amusing.

May 1996: Elie Wiesel (centre) with Gitta Sereny and Leon Greenman (left), a fellow Holocaust survivor, at an address organised by Jewish Care

hen Adolf Eichmann entered Hungary in the wake of the German army in March 1944, more than five million Jews had already been murdered. His aim was to destroy Hungarian Jewry before the Red Army entered Hungary. More than half a million Hungarian Jews, deported to Auschwitz at the most rapid rate imaginable, were murdered on arrival. Those who were deported with them, and survived, are eye-witnesses to a grotesque final act of the Holocaust. Elic Wiesel is among those survi-

vors. He has told part of this story before, but here he tells it as powerfully as ever, "and will tell it again", he writes, "hoping to find in it some hidden truth, some vague hope of

As the train taking the Jews from his home town of Sighet drew near to Auschwitz, his mother told him, as the possibility arose that the family might be separated there: "We'll meet again at home as soon as the war is over." Then, of his arrival at the notorious platform where Dr Mengele made his selections of who should live (for a while at least) and who should die, Elie Wiesel writes: "Nothing in the world could separate us. The entire German army could not take my little sister from me. Then a curt order was issued men on one side, women on the other
 and that was that. His little sister,

his older sisters, his grandmother and his mother were taken away. They were gone "before I could tell my mother goodbye, before I could kiss her hand and beg her forgiveness for the wrongs I must have done her".

Elie Wiesel's father survived with him, until Buchenwald, where he died. "It was the darkest day of my life, a day heavy with meaning. I was weak and sick myself. Though I ached to help him. I did not know how." There are few more poignant pieces of writing in what is now called Holocaust literature than the son's description of his father's death, a mere two pages which encapsulate an eternity of suffering. "Whenever I think of him," the son writes. "I relive his agony, and a knot forms in my chest. I feel myself

The story that offers hope of salvation

Martin Gilbert is inspired by the journey of a man who brings Jewish history to life

becoming an orphan. Yes, you can be orphaned more than once, no matter how old you are. And every time is the first time."

The power of this book is all the greater because it describes, not only the destruction of Jewish lives but the life that was destroyed - the prewar

Wiesel also tells of his own life after the war, of his lournalist days, his early writings, and his return to Sighet. One of his most important postwar journeys was to the Soviet Union at a time when Soviet Jews were isolated and afraid, unable to leave and unable to live as Jews. From the moment of that visit, Elie Wiesel became the champion of the Jews trapped in the Soviet Union, and he remained their champion until, less than a decade ago, the

remember in 1985 **ALL RIVERS** being approached in **RUNTO** Moscow by the wife of a Jew who was in deep THE SEA trouble with the Soviet Memoirs, Volume I, 1928-69 authorities. She had travelled overnight from By Elie Wiesel the Urals, at some risk to HarperCollins, £20 ISBN 0002556731 herself and at considerable risk to her husband. She had one request ask

Elie Wiesel to write life of sub-Carpathian Jewry. Elie something about my husband. The couple were convinced that publicity alone could open the gates of their prison, and that Elie Wiesel's was the

pen that could be the most effective. As soon as I was able to transmit this message. Elie Wiesel put pen to paper. and did so in the most widely circulated of all American newspapers. Several years later, when this couple were in London, they said that even their taskmasters had learnt of that article and, for all their anger at it, had treated them less harshly after that.

There are many vignettes in this book, for, like all the great Jewish story tellers whom Elie Wiesel loves, including the religious sages, he has a gift of narrative. At the Eichmann trial in Jerusalem, he looked at the very "ordinary man" in the glass cage, and thought that he remembered him. "I knew that he had been in Sighet to supervise the deportation, and I wondered whether he was the man I had seen at the station, visibly saddened because there were no more convoys to send out of this town now emptied of

Elie Wiesel was back in Jerusalem seven years later when the divided city was caught up in the Six Day War, and the barriers came down. "Do you know how we managed to defeat the enemy? Six million Jewish souls prayed for us." an old man next to him murmured, almost to himself.

n the diary that he wrote (in Yiddish) during the Six Day War. Elie Wiesel recalled his days at religious school in the Carpathians - how "my friends and I would let our imagination soar and allow it to lead us through secret tunnels buried in the Carpathians, to the land of Israel. It would be enough to pronounce a 'Name' and invisible gates would open before us. And then, at once, persecution, hatred and fear would end. Master of the Universe, we asked, please send us an emissary to revea! this holy, all-powerful 'Name' to us. But, sadly, no emissary ever appeared to enlighten us."

There are parts of this book that read like a novel by Isaac Bashevis Singer who wrote for the same New York Yiddish paper for which Wiesel wrote. and learnt his writer's tradel. Other parts are almost mystical; yet others are intensely personal. Through one man's journey, a wide swath of recent Jewish history comes movingly to life. and even with all its horrors, it is an uplifting tale.

Sir Martin Gilbert's book, The Holocaust: The Jewish Tragedy, is published in paperback by Fontana Press

In the deep freeze

THOM JONES'S new collec-tion of stories recalls the sestina form. Jones's prose is almost anti-poetic in its brusqueness, but much of the book is linked by keywords. Africa. Aids, manie depres sion, doctors, diabetes, lithium, malaria, Stelazine - these components rearrange themselves with impressive variety in the first six pieces, lending thematic coherence and wit to this odd collection.

In the title story. Cold Snap, a manic-depressive doctor named Richard has recently returned from a stint in Africa, dismissed on account of his mania. He is bener off, however, than his institutionalised younger sister Susan, whose self-inflicted lobotomy has left her child-like and affect-less. Not much happens -- Richard takes his sister to the zoo and spends a sleepless night with her at home - and his high-pitched, digressive recounting is itself the point.

Cold Snap is followed by Superman, My Son, in Which an aging businessman named Wilhelm Blaine visits his manic-depressive adopted son Walter. Although in the third person, this story, too, is largely structured around its digressions - about Wilhelm's recent involvement in a robbery, about talking parrots, about Walter's manic es-



Thom Jones: stories that circle the secret core of madness

Claire Messud

COLD SNAP By Thom Jones Faber, £8.99 ISBN 0.571 17789 1

Way Down Deep in the Jungle and Quicksand, both set in Africa, are more tightly formed. The former, about a drunken New Zealander named Dr Koestler and his per baboon George Babbin, re-calls Somerset Maugham or Graham Greene: it captures. the intensity and aimlessness of life in the bush. The laner is a sort of love story, about romance blossoming under the influence of malaria, a stone's throw from Rwanda's

THESE, along with Ooh Baby Baby, the portrait of a diabetic plastic surgeon, are the strongest in the collection. Jones's attempt to give voice to an Aboriginal surfer-girl from Alice Springs, in Rocketfire Red, is downright unsuccessful; the other story about a woman, I Need a Man to Love

Me, which chronicles a suicide, wavers also: its protagonist, a victim of muscular dystrophy ("She wasn't Ste-phen Hawking yet, or like that guy with the left foot, Christy Brown, but close"), has so little definition she is almost transparent, imaginable only for her wheelchair and her hoarded cache of pills.

The last two stories in the book, Pot Shack and Dynamite Hands, return to terrain familiar from Jones's first collection - the Vietnam War and boxing. They flow with an assurance that the other surries, in their breathlessness, lack; but they also feel like leftovers from an earlier stage in Jones's development.

The Pueilist At Rest was a remarkable book, in which the flaws seemed unity to contrib ute to the stories' overall power. Cold Snap is less effective: its stories, like their characters, often ramble manically, without ever grasping the secret core of madness This said, Jones circles greedily around that core, approaching it as few dare to: in this, his is an enterprise worthy of

Untold tales

Syling on your friends is still (just about) frowned on. Which explains why we have so little definitive material on one of Britain's greatest intelligence coups, its operations in the United States during the Second World War. Hitler's table talk may be common knowledge, along with details of Ultra's contribution to victory in the Atlantic. But despite freedom of information moves, the story of British Security Coordination (BSC), the New York based centre for various branches of British intelli-gence in North America, remains under wraps.

Even the supposed internal history of the organisation. which British scholars hoped Andrew Lycett

WILD BILL AND INTREPID Donovan, Stephenson and the Origin of CIA By Thomas F. Troy Yale, £19.95 ISBN 0-300-06563-9

might be released under the recent open government initiative, turns out to be a red herring: an intriguing but ultimately self-serving memoir commissioned at the end of the war by BSC's brilliant chief, the Canadian millionaire, Sir William Stephenson. now enshrined in legend as

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issue from an American perspective. But, as former inhouse CLA historian, he misses an opportunity to produce a revisionist account of BSC. Instead, he sandwiches his 25-year-old (recently de-

classified) Agency report on how far Stephenson engineered the establishment of a unified American intelligence service in July 1941 between some background "questions" The author found himself crushed between two powerful myth-making machines. Officially founded in 1947, the CIA

Troy's book approaches the

liked to trace its origins to mid-1940 when President Roosevelt plucked the dynamic war hero, Colonel "Wild Bill" Donovan from his job as a lawyer and, after sending him to London on a "fact-finding mission", appointed him Coordinator of Information (COI), the forerunner of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and, later, the CIA. Troy was a junior analyst

when an alternative British version appeared in The Quiet Canadian, a 1963 book by former BSC member Montgomery Hyde. This suggested that the eponymous Stephenson, ace fighter pilot turned successful international businessman, had been appointed United States personal representative of both Winston Churchill and British intelligence, with the express task of promoting Donovan to Roosevelt as head of American dirty tricks - no mean task since "Wild Bill" was a staunch Republican and FDR a

Democrat. Finding no useful corroborative CIA material, Troy travelled to Bermuda, where Stephenson was fiving in comfortable retirement. "Intrepid" introduced him to C. H. (Dick) Ellis, his former BSC deputy.



Practitioners of the secret arts: Donovan (left) and Stephenson with the logo of CIA

whose first draft of Hyde's book he, as project instigator, had discarded as 100 dry.

Because Ellis was under investigation as a suspected Soviet agent, Troy was warned off further collaboration by the CLA's fiercely anti-Communist counter-intelligence chief. James Angleton. Undeterred. Stephenson set to work with William Stevenson, a fellow Canadian, on The Man Called Intrepid, an even more favourable interpretation of his war-time role - one so fanciful, in fact, that it diminished his status as a skilled practitioner of the secret arts.

Troy shows that moves to unify American intelligence were well advanced by 1941. Donovan's case was promoted by Frank Knox, who was

appointed Secretary of the Navy in June 1940, as the United States began to react to developments in Europe.

any British ele-ments, including the Ambassador Lord Lothian, worked to bolster mutual co-operation during this difficult period. Donovan welcomed opportunities to observe an integrated operational intelligence service in Britain, but was never, as "Intrepid" later suggested, an old friend of Stephenson, still less a British agent recruited

On the other hand, Troy underestimates the determination of the wily Britishers (his word) to get Washington published by Weidenfeld in on their side. That meant

signing up prominent journalists as paid agents, as well as infiltrating the docks to ensure the safety of British supplies. By 1943 BSC's task was virtually over and, as Troy reports, that was when Stephenson first began embellishing his reputation. Quite why such a distinguished man felt this need surely requires a new biography. One personal hunch: it is no coincidence that Hyde's book appeared in 1963. the year Philby defected to Moscow, when British intelligence needed authentic champions to throw in the face of

Andrew Lycett is the author of Ian Fleming.

ocopie like Angleton.

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Beames aims low in attempt to reach the heights

By John Hopkins, golf correspondent

ONCE the early morning rain that dogged the opening matches in the first round of the Amateur Championship at Turnberry had been blown away by a sturdy southwesterly that was gusting at up to 40mph, a buzz quickly spread among competitors and spectators alike. "This is the weather for Beames," went the word. "He hits the ball lower than anyone."

Bearnes, who is 21 and reached the semi-finals of the Amateur last year, was born in Kilbirnie, Ayrshire, before moving to Wick at the age of 13 and taking up golf. Wick, which is 17 miles from John O' Groat's, is not known to be a hotbed of golf. Indeed, to some Scots, it is not known to be a hotbed of anything. "Wick is to Scotland what Tasmania is to Australia," a man who can be permitted such politically-incorrect statements on the grounds that he is Scottish, said at Turnberry, "No Scot has ever been to Wick just as no Australian has been to Tasmania. I know nothing

as London is south." Beames, it was said, hits the ball so low that spectators have to duck. He calculated that he travelled 14,000 miles playing amateur golf last year. "Everything is a 500-mile round trip for me," he said. In the 1995 Amateur he lost to Gordon Sherry, the eventual winner, a performance that

out him into the Scotland team

for the home internationals. Before Beames teed-off against Michael Searle, whose home club, Lyme Regis, is about as far south in England as Beames's is north in Scotland, Warren Bladon continued the form he had shown in jointly leading the qualifying competition.

"Warren always was an impressive hitter," Peter McEvoy, the England captain, said of his former team-mate in the Warwickshire team. 'He is very powerful, even if he has not got the greatest patience.

It was midway through the homeward half that the power that Bladon generates from

so rewarding against Greg

Norman in the Masters at

an aggressive attitude, you

must accept the conse-quences," Faldo said. "If you feel it is right to go for it,

whatever happens, you must stick by it. The US Open is no different, it's just that your

target gets moved. If you are

playing well, the target area

left, to give you an easier putt.

If you are doing that better

than anybody else, then you

are being aggressive."
Paul Eales has won a place

in the US Open after coming

through the final qualifying competition in Tenafty, New

Jersey, but Howard Clark has

withdrawn, opting to spend time with his wife, who a

week ago gave birth to their

second child.

comes 15 feet to the right or

When you decide to have

Augusta in April.

Faldo laying plans for assault on major prize

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

watched as the New York area was hit by more than three inches of rain, Nick Faido was already looking ahead to next week and the US Open before preparing for the Buick Classic that starts at Westchester

today. Faldo visited the US Open venue, Oakland Hills, en route from his base in Florida and he was impressed with the course that nestles in the suburbs of Detroit, Michigan.

"I wanted to get a picture of what I should work on this week and I will spend plenty of time pitching the ball out of the heavy rough they have here at Westchester," Faido said. "The rough at the Open course is five or six inches deep and this will be the perfect place to practise."

Faldo might even adopt the aggressive approach that was

within his 6ft 3in, 17-stone might be as far north of here frame began to tell. He broke clear of the challenge of Steven Allan, the Australian whose two qualifying scores were 86 and 65, with a startling burst. Bladon went four, three, three. four from the 13th and that was enough to give him victory by 3 and 2.

If there was a prize for dedication, then Euan Little, 20, would win it hands down. He practises for six hours each day, in three two-hour sessions, sometimes hitting as many as 1,500 balls. He put in two hours yesterday morning before comfortably beating Denny Lucas - and then went

out to carry Beames's bag.
If there was a prize for precocity, then another Scot, Fraser McLaughlan, would probably win that. At 17 he is the youngest competitor in the tournament and to hear him talk you would think he was 27 or 37. He was out in 36, one over par, and still only one over when he defeated Paul Nelson on the 15th.

Then Beames came into the view of the spectators gathered beneath the monument to the right of the 12th green. He was already five up and from the way he drove on the 13th it was clear that word of his lowhitting prowess had not been exaggerated. His drive bored through the wind and ended 30 yards past Searle's. His second never rose above knee-

Searle may not have meant his words for publication but they are accurate nonetheless. After he had ballooned his second to the 13th, and cursed himself, he said of Beames, perhaps prophetically: played like ... but he'll take some beating this week."

The second round will be a severe test for Beames this morning. He faces Jody Fanagan, the Ireland international and Walker Cup player. Fanagan was one down after three holes against Jamie Little, but took the 13th, 14th and 15th on his way to victory. Fanagan said he played "very solid golf" but pointed out that, in the wind that had blown all day, 18-hole matches were a bit of a lottery.

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Bryson, left, lines up a putt with his caddie en route to a 2 and 1 defeat by Orr

Players set for rough ride

COLIN MONTGOMERIE has pronounced himself satiswith the set-up of the Arden course for the Alamo English Open, which starts at the Forest of Arden today. But then he would, seeing as he is largely responsible for it.

Montgomerie is a consultant to the Marriott group, which manages the Forest of Arden, and has been working with the course manager and greenkeeping staff to toughen up the course for one of the PGA European Tour's bigger tournaments. The result is a layout that rewards good golf (which Montgomerie just happens to play 98 per cent of the time), and severely punishes anything less (the two per cent that is left).

The changes to the course are cosmetic, but closer examination reveals a philosophy that borders on the sadistic. The fairways have been allowed to grow in, the rough is more punishing than it has been on the three occasions this tournament has been held there, and there are thick collars of grass around the greens. Many are the spicens that will be vented this week by frustrated golfers up to their ears in vegetation.

Montgomerie insisted yes-terday that it is entirely coincidental that the tournament that follows this one, for him and 19 other European Tour members, is the US Open at Oakland Hills next week. The Scot may be a man of unim-peachable probity, but anyone guessing that the conditions in Michigan will include narrow fairways, and thick rough alongside fairways and around greens, would not be a million miles wide of the

The one thing that the transatlantic travellers will find completely different this week is the speed and condition of the greens. There have been problems with the putting surfaces, many of them caused by the English spring that is only now beginning to move into summer. Montgomerie's verdict is that they putt better than they look. which, given the way they is but a small

consolation. "I think the staff here have done a very good job," Mont-gomerie said. "The course looks fabulous, and if the greens are not what we hoped for, they are certainly in an acceptable condition.

This is now as tough a layout as we will find in Europe. It will be a good test of golf, but it's important to be patient - they don't pay out until Sun-day. It's absolutely no good hoping to get by with chipping and putting. The key will be to hit the fairways." He should know; he does it more often

FOOTBALL

Swiss squad hit by injuries as kick-off looms

By Russell Kempson and Peter Ball

SWITZERLAND will play England in the opening match of Euro 96 on Saturday with-out Christophe Ohrel, the St Etienne midfield player. He has left the squad and returned home after breaking the big toe of his right foot in

Ohrel, 28, has been one of the side's most influential players, having won 47 inter-national caps and scored six goals. He will be replaced by Patrick Sylvestre, 27, of Sion. who made a brief appearance in the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States. Sylvestre gained the last of his II caps two years ago.

Artur Jorge, the Switzerland coach, is also worried about the fitness of Stephane Henchoz, the Hamburg defender. He returned to training yesterday, after a week's ansence, when the squad arrived at their Euro 96 base in Ware. Hertfordshire.

Jorge's preparations have been further hindered by a mix-up over the use of Wembley Stadium. Swiss officials believed that they would be able to train at the national stadium today but their session has been put off until tomorrow because it is being used to practise the tournament's opening ceremony

today.
"I understand the need to practise the ceremony but this is more important." Jorge said. The football has to come

Guido Cornella, vice-president of the Swiss FA, said: "We only found out two days ago that we couldn't train when we wanted to. It is not good enough."

Holland arrive in England today fresh from Tuesday's 3-1 victory over Ireland in Rotterdam and without any of the wrangles about money or the position of the coach that have bedevilled Dutch preparations in the past.

Guus Hiddink, the coach, has had his contract extended to take the national side through to the 1998 World Cup finals, so the figure of Johan Cruyff, the former Barcelona manager, loitering in the wings is less of a threat unless Holland lose to Scotland. Danny Blind, the captain, has negotiated £65,000 on behalf of the players as a

reward for qualifying and they

stand to make approximately £170,000 each if they go on to

win the competition. Jaap Stam, the PSV Eindhoven defender, was called into the Holland squad yesterday to replace Frank de Boer, who was sent home with an ankle injury on Tuesday. Peter Hoekstra, the Ajax winger, is carrying a knee injury and the fitness of Patrick Kluivert remains in some doubt.

Kluivert has been insisting that he will be fit to play. He did not look it when he appeared as a substitute in the European Cup final two weeks ago and he was not even on the substitutes' bench on Tues-

"Kluivert is a problem, he has got a little damage to the knee, still some liquid on it." Guus Hiddink, the coach, said. "He is a willing little horse, but I have to put the brake on a bit."

If Kluivert is missing, Hiddink will have to decide whether to use Yuri Mulder, the Schalke 04 forward, or move Bergkamp into the striker's role. "Using Bergkamp there is something I will think about," Hiddink said.

Croatia, who do not arrive

In The Times Magazine on Saturday: the heroes, hat-tricks and fraircuts of 1966 remembered

in England until Saturday. have been preparing for their group D campaign in the countryside around Carrickmacross in Co Monaghan, Ireland. Fishing, table tennis and snooker have figured highly on the agenda, with a touch of football thrown in for good measure.

Mladen Petreski, a team spokesman, said yesterday. "We are getting all the oxygen we need and the players are

Since drawing 2-2 with Ireland in Dublin on Sunday, the Croatians have retired to the plush sports and leisure complex of the Nuremore hotel. They were due to play a charity match at United Park, Drogheda, last night against a League of Ireland Select XI to raise money for a project for refugeed children back home

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CYCLING

Final sprint secures stage for Cipollini

MARIO CIPOLLINI, of Italy, sealed his fourth victory on the Giro d'Italia, in Vicenza, yesterday when he raced across the line to win the 216km (about 135 miles) eighteenth stage from Meda.

Cipollini, who also won sprint finishes on the fourth. eighth and eleventh stages, hit the front with 80 metres to go and was in no danger of being caught by his pursuing countryman, Giovanni Lombardi. Pavel Tonkov, of Russia, retained the overall leader's

pink jersey, however.

The peloton faces three tough days before the final stage in Milan on Sunday. Today is a 62km time-trial, followed by two testing mountain stages tomorrow and Saturday, which feature nine difficult hill climbs.

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The Criterium du Dauphine, in France, also saw a home stage-winner when Gilles Bouvard outsprinted Mariano Rojas, of Spain, and Christian Henn, of Germany, in the

final 100 metres, to win the 176km third stage in Tournonsur-Rhone yesterday.
The 26-year old rider survived an early breakaway by his countryman, Laurent Jalabert, the world champion, to score his first victory. Chris Boardman, of Britain, and Tony Rominger, the former Swiss world champion, were among a group of five riders that broke clear with Jalabert

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at the 49km mark... Despite opening up a gap of one minute, they were caught by the peleton before Henn, Rojas and Bouvard made a break with 30km to go.

AN INBRESIDE

Bath want to talk with Eagles

JOHN HALL, the Bath director of rugby, is seeking talks with Sheffield Eagles rugby league club over their reported interest in Jon Sleightholme, the England international

wing.

Hall said: "Jon will be playing for Bath next season and committed to an intense programme of preparation. There has been no approach from Sheffield Eagles received by this club and I hope to talk to Gary Hetherington to establish the full facts of the situation."

Eagles have made approaches to Sleightholme's representatives to see if he would like to play Super League for the rest of the

Harvey soars

Gliding: Peter Harvey, of Britain, remained on the Open Class leaderboard on the third day of the European championships in Rayskala, Finland, despite a nail-biting last Skm low and slow final glide on the class 530km polygon task. Alister Kay re-tained overall second in the 15 metres, with a sixth place over 475km on the third day.

New World Cup

Rowing: A new annual international team competition, the World Cup, will start in 1997. World Cup regattas, for all 14 Olympic boat classes, will be staged at three-weekly inter-vals in Munich and Paris, with the finals in Lucerne. The full participation of a British team could be in doubt since the Lucerne finals fall one week after Henley Royal Regatta.

Joyner out

Athleties: Florence Griffith Joyner, who set world records in winning the 100 metres and 200 metres gold medals at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, will not compete at the Atlanta Games

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent To make the most of the North-South assets on this hand you have to play the spades and diamonds in the right order.

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South saw things in a sim-

ple light. There were ten top winners and possible finesses in both red suits. He started by winning in hand and running the queen of hearts. If this finesse had been right he would have had twelve tricks but it lost and he still had only eleven in sight. When, subse quently, the diamond finesse failed, so did the slam.

It is true that the chances of at least one out of two finesses succeeding was 75%, but a better approach would have been to lead a low diamond from hand at trick two. This works beautifully as the cards lie - if West goes in with his king, there is no need for the heart finesse, and if West allows dummy's queen to win declarer switches smartly to

You may argue that there was no reason to expect West to hold the king of diamonds rather than East. Perfectly true, but if the queen loses to the king there is the extra edge that the ten of diamonds may fall in three rounds which would make the heart finesse unnecessary. And the finesse is still available if the ten of diamonds has not appeared.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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a. A medieval guitar b. A beggar c. The Turkish kilt **ATRABILARIOUS**

 b. To do with quadrangle c. Predatory

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Resistance Today I continue my preview of games between the two contenders for the FIDE (World Chess Federa-

tion) Championship set to start today. This clash was one of the carliest between Karpov and Karnsky. At the outset of his career Kamsky's lack of sophistication in his choice of openings often landed him quickly in trouble. Against Karpov, this kind of thing can be readily fatal, and in spite of immense resistance Kamsky was finally forced to capitulate after a long endgame. Karpov starts the FIDE match as favourite, leading

Kamsky by live wins to two in their

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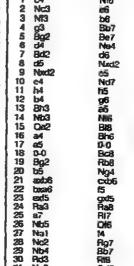
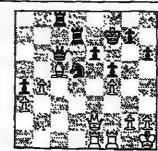


Diagram of final position

By Raymond Keene



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C Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

White to play. This position is from the game Kamsky -Ribli, Reggio Emilia 1991. Until now this game had been a heavyweight manoeuvring battle but now Kamsky decided the game in his favour with a quick tactical thrust. What did he play?

CRICKET

Kent waste initiative earned by Ward's flair

LEICESTER (first day of four, Kent won toss): Kent have scored 318 for eight wickets

SITTING at the top of the championship table for the first time since September 1988 and determined to wipe out all memories of last year's bottom place, there is a resolve about Kent which is good to see. Yesterday, they needed all their new-found resolution. Leicestershire are also up there with the best of them. sharp in the field and, even without Mullally, an attacking force to be reckoned with.

So it was a hard day's cricket, full of fight. When Ward was in flight, on his way to 90, cruelly cut off from his third century of the season by a brilliant catch. Kent looked destined to establish a wellnigh impregnable position. However, Leicestershire

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pegged them back on a good, bouncy pitch and although Graham Cowdrey overcame a torrid time at the hands of Millns and Simmons to move into the seventies, and Steve Marsh made the day's fastest 50. Leicestershire clung on.

Until Marsh's admirably pugnacious brand of batting held sway, it looked as though Leicestershire might do a great deal more than that, Millns bowled genuinely fast and was unlucky not to take a wicket in a menacing opening spell. Simmons wobbled the ball threateningly at a brisk medium pace. Parsons demonstrated that he still knew a trick or two.

Pierson and Brimson were able to obtain occasional purchase with their spin, which suggested that Kent had done well to win the toss. Throughout it all, Whitaker's men bowled their overs with unusual briskness, and they gave their all in the field.

Kent's progress to the heights of 107 for two at lunch owed much to the rich form of Ward, whose firm driving and clever placements were in a class alone. Undefeated on 62 at lunch, he succeeded Fleming, who perished in familiar fashion, forcing outside the off stump and caught behind. Fulton needed good fortune to survive almost to the break, especially against Millns. He became Nixon's second victim. By then Ward was in full flow. Equally at ease against pace and spin, he hit nine fours in

Hooper looked in the sort of fettle which delights friends and sends foes scurrying for cover. He hit Brimson out of the ground and advanced

down the wicket to Pierson to try to destroy the spinners' length, but this time he was bowled via the inside edge and when, two overs later. Ward was caught by Maddy, diving and twisting in the air as the ball seemed certain to clear the boundary. Kent were in

CTISIS. Ward's 90 had come from



139 balls and he had hit 15 fours when he met his untimely end. Kent, on 167 for four. were teetering on the brink and both Cowdrey and Ealham had early problems with their timing of the ball. Only Marsh with a halfcentury from 67 balls was able

to settle in quickly.

He and Cowdrey put on 85 for the sixth wicket to ensure that Kent finished the day at least on an even keel. When Millns took the second new ball it quickly became apparent that Leicestershire were not yet done. He richly deserved the wickets of Cowdrey and McCague and when Marsh fell to the persistent Simmons, it was almost back to square one. with no clear advantage.

Kent do have their runs on the board, however, and with a pitch which looks as though it may increasingly take spin, Leicestershire will be thanking their lucky stars that Min Patel is at Edgbaston and not

Bradman-like qualities mark India's champion

ngland's good showing in the recent Teraco one-day series, in which they outplayed India in all three matches, was not materially significant so much as psychologically useful. If they win the Test matches, the first of which starts at Edghaston today, with the same ease, that will count for a lot more, and,

against ruffled opposition, it ought not to be beyond them. The Indians have been having an unrewarded tour, disconcerted by the deficiency of their bowling, the defection of Navjot Sidhu and the coldest May for 73 years, and if the pitch for this first Test match should resemble an English meadow rather than a sun-Scorched Indian maidan as it may, that will not suit them

It would be a pity for India's batsmen not to be given a fair chance, irrespective of whether or not England's were when they were in India last, in the winter of 1992-1993. Knowing how much better India's spinners were than England's and how much better their own batsmen played spin bowling, the groundsmen on that tour went a little too far, perhaps, in making sure that the ball turned from the word go,

Of their last 15 home Test matches, India have, in fact, won It and lost one, whereas of their last 28 away from home, they have won only one. Technically, though they are nothing like as much at sea in a dismal English summer as they used to be. Since the early 1980s their batsmen have had the benefit of covered pitches, and many of their best players manage to get here now from quite an early age, for a season with a clubor one of their junior

representative sides. Also, of course, they have in their ranks today, to embolden and reassure them, a batting marvel. In a rare and positively final appearance on television last week, undertakWOODCOCK



On the Edgbaston Test match

en in order to secure the future of the cricket museum named after him in Bowral, his childhood home, Sir Donald Bradman said that he thinks his own batting may have borne some resemblance to Sachin Tendulkar's. As an accolade, this must rank with W.G. Grace's when, upon being asked which of his contemporaries he rated most highly as a batsman, he said: Give me Arthur." So there they are: Shrewsbury and Tendulkar coupled with Grace and Bradman in the

hall of fame. The Bradman-Tendulkar analogy makes a fascinating subject. Bradman was an inch or too taller but probably a pound or two lighter. Because his oriental make-un. Tendulkar has the more exotic. chancier repertoire; owing to his cast of mind and strength of will, Bradman sold his wicket more dearly. Common to both are instinctive and lightning fast footwork, unquestionable genius, a wonderful capacity for placing the ball and a fine regard of the great game itself.

Bradman, who is not given to false modesty, believes that there were other Australians of his time who had as much

Even if one accepts that, what no one else has ever possessed or is ever likely to, is the same combination of brilliance, voracity and mental stamina. which enabled him to average an incredible 99.94 in Test cricket. His sight, when tested while he was still playing, was not exceptional, though his "eye" must have been for him to have hit a ball with a stump with the regularity that he did

Now 23 years and 44 days old. Tendulkar has scored eight Test hundreds and averages 51.72. At exactly the same age, Bradman had also scored eight Test hundreds (from 21 innings as against 55) but was already averaging 94.45. Geoffrey Boycott, who might be said to have had the same insatiable appetite for runs and the same powers of concentration as Bradman, but not the same vision, retired from Test cricket with an average of 47.72. Marvellously good though Tendulkar is, the difference between his present Test average and Bradman's ultimate one is unlikely to be reduced by much.

volution keeps turning it, anyway, into a meaner, less free-scoring game, one more similar at times to that which England played in the Bodyline series, when Bradman averaged not

99 but 56. A last thought on all this. If it could be done unobtrusively and Bradman were agreeable the Indian authorities should send their young champion to Adelaide to spend a day with Australia's greatest sporting legend, to discuss not only the theory and practice of cricket but also the problems of handling fame. From all accounts, Tendulkar is a good deal better at that than Brian Lara, his Caribbean counterpart, but no one ever came to terms with it better than Bradman and it is a sine qua non of the rounded sporting

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Manager of the month



The first manager of the month in the Times interactive Team Cricket competition is N. Ellison, of Dromore, Co Down, who recorded the highest points

total in May. The prize comes in two parts: a Kent & Curwen single-breasted blazer, a Kent & Curwen long-sleeved cricket sweater and an official England T-shirt and sunhat, plus a PACE satellite dish and decoder with six



months' free subscription to Sky Sports.

The season-long competition is being dominated by the Eatons Goats teams, which remarkably occupy the top three places — but the season does have more than three months to run. Eatons Goats 2, the lead-

ing side, comprises: Graeme Hick, Graham Thorpe, Kim Barnett, Adam Hollioake, Paul Whitaker. Chris Cairns, Robert Rollins, Mike Smith, Alan Mullally, Martin McCague and Simon Brown, Hick and McCague have been transferred into the original side in place of Hugh Morris and Mark

Moles leads weakened champions

DERMOT REEVE, the Warwickshire captain, will miss his first Britannic Assurance county championship match for a year when the champions play Somerset today (Simon Wilde writes). Reeve damaged his back in the defeat of Northamptonshire and in his absence, and that of Tim Munton, the vice-captain, the side will be led at Taunton by Andy Moles.

As they will also be without Gladstone Small, who has hamstring trouble, Warwick-shire will field a severely depleted attack. Darren Altree, 21, one of a growing number of left-arm seam bowlers in the English game. stands by to make his firstclass debut. Two of Warwickshire's prin-

cipal challengers for the title in 1995 - Lancashire and Northamptonshire - are still without wins. Lancashire may take on Essex at Chelmsford shorn of five regulars because of England calls and injuries to Gallian and Fairbrother. Among those who may fill the breach is Nathan Wood, the son of Barry Wood, the former England batsman. Northamptonshire have their own worries, with Curran, who has shoulder trouble, a possible absentee against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

Alec Stewart, the Surrey captain, has withdrawn from the match against secondplaced Yorkshire at Middlesbrough because of the illhealth of his wife. The team will be led by Adam Hollicake, whose brother. Ben, 18, will make his firstclass debut as Stewart's replacement.



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for title bid

By Srikumar Sen

BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE much-vaunted left hook of Henry Wharton is to be

given a rest for the summer. It is all a part of the Yorkshire

super-middleweight's plan of action to beat Thulane Mal-

inga, of South Africa, the

World Boxing Council (WBC) champion, at the end of the

Wharton aims to concentrate on developing an array of

punches in the next six months

to surprise the South African.

After Wharton's win over

Stephane Nizard, of France,

on Tuesday, the Frenchman

insisted that the Briton would

knock out Malinga. Wharton,

however, is taking no chances,

He wants to defend his

Commonwealth title twice be-

fore the bout with Malinga

and, far from accepting easy

defences, he is looking for

opponents similar to Malinga.

"The fight against Nizard was hard, but I don't mind not

looking sensational. I was

experimenting. My normal thing is power but this time I was trying different things.

Everybody expects me to use my left hook but I caught him

Wharton has already mas-

tered some alternative punch-

es, particularly the jab and the

uppercut, and has moved well

in the ring. But he was unable

to sustain his work-rate

because of his extra weight,

the result of five months'

inactivity. He weighed his

is half a stone overweight,"

Mickey Duff, his manager, said. "Once he has taken off

half a stone he will be a lot

faster and I am certain he will

while, who puts his World

Boxing Organisation feather-

weight title on the line against

Daniel Alicea, of Puerto Rico,

at Newcastle Arena on Satur-

day, could be in line for a

debut in the United States next

month on the undercard of the

Mike Tyson heavyweight de-

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Wood goes through as others fall by the wayside

By Alix Ramsay

THE British do not do well in the heat. Yesterday, as the ball-girls wilted in the sunshine, the British players melted away at the Becken-ham Open. On Tuesday, Britain had 21 players in the two main draws, by yesterday evening only six were still standing. Shirli-Ann Siddall. Jo Ward, Colin Beecher, Dan-ny Sapsford, Andrew Richardson, Andrew Foster and Nick Weal all limped away yesterday, leaving only Clare Wood and Tom Spinks to go through and join Tuesday's winners.

It is ten years since Wood last played Beckenham and, after losing in the first round then, she decided it was not the most promising way to start the grass-court season. Now, with another 18 months to two years left on the circuit, she has changed her mind.

Yesterday, she overcame Siobhan Drake-Brockman, of Australia, and several line judges of limited vision to move into the quarter finals 5-7, 6-1, 6-4. It could have been a lot easier when she held set point on Drake-Brockman's service only to be scuppered by a dubious call. "Everyone around the court could see it was at least six inches out but it was called in." she said. "I should have won that 6-4; it was disappointing to lose the set 7-5."

Drake-Brockman seemed to imagine she was playing on clay, trying to slide to every wide ball only to find herself short of the target.

For Wood the two-hour workout was part of the preparation for the more important events, those worth computer points, in the coming weeks. After 18 months trying to get back to full fitness after a battle with a hamstring injury, she wants to break back into the top 100 before she calls it a day.

The only other success came through Spinks, from Norwich, who stands off 3in but was still four inches shorter than Richardson, his opponent. Richardson was ast year's joint winner after his final against Petr Korda was rained off. Yesterday he TENNIS: GERMAN PUTS PAID TO FRENCH HOPES OF SEEING HOME CHAMPION



Karbacher, of Germany, who lost his quarter-final after being two sets ahead, dives in an attempt to intercept a passing shot from Rosset, his Swiss opponent

Subtle Stich eases past local favourite

FROM DAVID MILLER IN PARIE

MICHAEL STICH said afterwards it had been fun. The Parisian crowd did not quite see it that way. For much of the time, they were reduced to relative silence as the tall German halted the advance of Cedric Pioline, the local favourite, born in the suburb of Neuilly-sur-Seine, at the quarter-final stage of the French

Open championships.
Yesterday's defeat was made even less acceptable because Stich achieved it by subtlety, almost without urgency, cutting Pioline apart with the varied refinement of his shots, as he won 6-4, 4-6, 6-

He thus joined that other renowned serve-and-volleyer, Pete Samoras, in the semifinals, where tomorrow he will play Marc Rosset, the first Swiss player to reach the semi-

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final stage of a grand slam tournament.
On a baking day, when ball

boys held parasols over the players as they sat in their chairs during change of ends, Stich was the master of the allcourt game.

He played with patience from the baseline, matching the best of Pioline's flowing ground strokes, put him on edge with fading back spin, then taunted him with drop shots, and repeatedly advanced to the net to hit conclusive volleys. Stich inadvertently swayed

the crowd more against him. emotionally, when he justifiably queried some suspicious calls, which the umpire, upon inspection, gave in his favour. The crowd started applauding first-serve faults, and cheering his double faults, though of these there were few. Stich merely continued to produce his anaesthetising winners.

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ranked 19th, Stich 16th, following a long absence with injury. Pioline's moment of glory in tennis had come when he reached the final of the US Open in 1993, losing to Sampras. His previous record in the French Open is relatively poor. Yesterday, there was seldom solid authority in his game. When there were cheers for some point, the note was more one of sympathy than

momentary triumph. It was not until the ninth me of the second set, when Pioline hit a withering forehand drive, that the crowd reverberated with the feeling that their man might turn the tide, might win through. Turn it he did, but for only one game — the long tenth of five deuces, in which he secured his fifth set point to level the match. In no time at all he was 3-0 down in the third set and slithering away.

PETITI

"I like every surface." Stich the pace, Stich made volleying said, "especially clay, because you have to win the points by outplaying your opponent". He said his only motivation these days was playing for

answer a question on whether he would have had the same relaxed attitude did he not have the cushion of substantial previous prize-money. "I'm fresher than the others. after a break," he said, "but short of match practice. That

long game at the end of the second set loosened me up. Marc [Rosset] will be very tough on Friday, he showed that by coming from two sets down today [against Bernd With the odd-game lead on

enjoyment, and not for the

money, though he could not

service, Stich had moved steadily to 4-3 in the first set, then broke for 5-3 with the help of four consecutive errors by Pioline. Attempting to force

errors to lose his own service but broke Pioline again for the set, winning a long rally.

Pioline inflicted the fourth consecutive break of serve to lead 1-0 in the second set. dropped his own serve in the fourth game, but, assisted by Stich's lax volleying, broke for 3-2 and served for the set at

Although his backswing and follow-through on his drives are elegant, Pioline contrives to look weary almost from the start of any match, with his slightly hunched shoulders, shuffling gait and baggy shorts that make him look like a weekend veteran. Now, briefly, he found his touch and although Stich twice had game points for 5-5. Pioline's mood briefly lifted

him. It proved to be a false Rosset will not exactly have patriots by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

The other semi-final tomorrow pairs Sampras with Yevgeny Kafelnikov, of Russia.

In today's semi-finals of the women's singles, Steffi Graf must surely be expected to defeat Conchita Martinez, who has won only one of their 13 previous matches, three years ago, while Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, having eliminated Monica Seles, should beat Jana Novotna, against whom she has won the last four encounters, including the Paris quarter-final of 1993.

impressive in a bout which is to be broadcast live to the FOR THE RECORD

United States. Fulfilment of his prediction to stop the three rounds should secure the Las Vegas date, and a possible bout in September against Azımah Nelson, the WBC super-featherweight champion. of Scotland, has been nominated No I challenger for Felix

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Rochaek-Petenson (Den) 4 and 3; M Brooks (Carluke) bit F Bruhrs (Gen) on Pole. M Ellie (Whesham) bit G Storm (Hertlepool) two hotes; P Bolton (Chorkon-cum-Herdy) bit J Grido (Swe) 2 and 1; I Gree (Sy) bit S James (Wolum) 3 and 2; K Ferre (Almouth) bit G Paterson (Co Stigo) 2 and 1; S Phillipson (Pruchoe) bit J Ferran (US) 5 and 4; R Beemis (Wick) bit M Seerle (Lyme Rigis) 5 and 4; J Fangan (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 MASSON I Wilson (Processing Market Park (Moor Park) 4 and 3 MASSON I Wilson (Park (Moor Park) 4 and 3 MASSON I Wilson (Moor Park) 4 and 3 MASSON I Wilson (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Masson (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Milliown (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Milliown (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Milliown (Milliown) bit J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 Milliown (Milliown) bit J Little (Milliown)

Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3 MAESDU: Welsh women's team champ-lonship: First round: Altondda bi Mon-mouth 3-2; Wescham bi Llanwitm 4-1; Glamorganshimi bi Corney 3-2; Pennard bi Carmerthen 4-1; Royal Porthicawi bi South Pembrokeshimi 4-1; Abergele bi Cardiff 3-2, Ashbumham bi Old Padeswood 4-1, Rhuddan bi Cradoc 3-2; Padeswood and Buckley bi Newpon (Parn) 3-2.

GLIDING

RAYSKALA, Firland: European championships: Third day: Open (535km poly) 16 completions of 17: 1, J Hansen (Den, Nimbus 3) 125 38kph, 1,000pts; 2, G. Kerstjens (Holl, Nimbus 4) 124,57,989; 3, H. Back (Ser, Nimbus 3) 124, 982; 4, U. Schwerk (Ser, ASW228L) 122,8,978; 7, P. Harvey (SB, ASW228L) 122,8,978; 7, P. Harvey (SB, ASW229L) 123,8,978; 7, P. Harvey (SB, ASW229L) 123,941 Overall positions: 1, J. Centies (Pol, ASW22) 2,760, 2, Back 2,669; 3, Hervey 2,639; 4, Schwenk, 2,633, 18 metre (4738m poly) all 32 completed: 1, M. Grund (Ger, Vernus) 119, 3, 1,000; 2, 5 Ghiorzo (It, Vernus 2) 117, 948; 3, M. Theisinger (Ger, ASW27) 115, 14, 931, 4, G. Theisinger (Ger, ASW27) 115, 15, 931, 5, Gostner (It, Vernus 2) 114, 2, 915; 6, A. Kay (GB, Vernus 2) 116, 2, 917, 918; 3, M. Deveson (GB, Vernus 2) 2,598; 13, Dowson 2,387; Standard (430km poly) all 39 completed: 1, J. Stapanek (Gz, Descus C) 114, 1,000; 2, L. Aboulin (Fr, LSB) 112,4, 970; 4, S. Crabb (Ire, LSB) 114, 9,33; 5, M. Smit (Holt, LSB) 111, 1, 99; equal 10, P. Jeffery (GB, LSB) 1997, 91; 30, M. Young (GB, Descus) 100, 754; 32, R. Chrechtem (GB, Discus) 997, 748; Overall positions: 1, H. Weiss (Gor, LSS) 2,592; 2, H. Karuw (Ger, Discus) 2588, 3, R. Schwarmer (Ger, Discus) 2588, 3, R. Schwarmer (Ger, Discus) 2,588, 3, R. Schwarmer (Ger, Discus) 2,588, 4, E. Schwarmer (Ger, Discus) 2,588, 3, R. Schwarmer (Ger, Discus) 3, 58, Choethem 1,518

ICE HOCKEY STANLEY CUP: Colorado 3 Florida 1 (Colorado lead best-of-soven senes 1-0).

RUGBY UNION 27 Wales XV (in Sydney)

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PARES: French Open championships Ment: Singles: Quarter-linels: M Rosse (Switz) bi B Karbacher (Ger) 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-0, M Sitch (Ger) bi C Ploine (F) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 Doubles: Quarter-linels: 5, 6-0; M Stich (Ger) bit C Pioline (Fr) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 Doublesc Quarter-Brasile: J Patrier and J Stark (US) bit L Pirmek (Bct) and B Tabou (US) 6-3, 6-6-1; Y Katelinkov (Russ) and D Vacek (C2) bit D Johnson and F Montana (US) 6-2, 7-6 Womer: Doubles: Quarter-finate: L Deverport and M J Fernandez (US) bit A Adams (US) and M de Stracti (SA) 6-4, 6-2; J Novaino (C2) and A Sanchez Visano (Sp) bit M Horgis (Switz) and M de Stracti (SA) 6-4, 6-2; J Novaino (C2) and A Sanchez Visano (Sp) bit M Horgis (Switz) and H Sultoni (C2) 6-2, 6-4, Missed doubles: Third round: M Hings; (Switz) and M Frieppenses (Aus) bit A Frazier and T Koncerram (US) 6-1, 6-2; N Bradite and T Woodbridge (Aus) bit C Banclay and A Florent (Aus) 6-3, 6-2. Ousrter-finate: P Tarobini and J Frans (No) bit C Banclay and A Florent (Aus) 6-3, 6-2. Ousrter-finate: P Tarobini and J Frans (No) bit C Banclay and A Chrovaldy (Russ) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Grits: Deablis: Executed council M Patriational and J Schonleidows (C2) bit M Konscovic (Cro) and K Stebothik (Slovonik) 6-4, 8-4. and K Srebothik, Siloromay 6-4, 6-4
BECKENHAM CRICKET CLUB: Beckenham Open (GB unites stated): MenFirst round: P Hand bil L Mitigan 6-2, 4-6, 64, 3-1 Stotlenborg (Aus) bit 8 MacPho (US) 64, 6-4: W Arthurs (Aus) bit P Tranacchi (Aus)
6-4, 6-4. T Homes of R Mathoson 6-1, 6-3;
M Petchoy bit 8 Behrens (US) 6-2, 4-6, 7-5;
R Smith (Bah) bit D Nainkin (SA) 6-4, 4-6, 75, C Hoggard (SA) bit D Supplicated 6-3, 5-7.

S Draper (Aus) bt R Koenig (SA) 6-3, 6-2. S Draper (Aus) bt R Koenig (SA) 6-2. Women: First round: N Feber (Bet) bt R Voiett 6-2. 6-4; C Wood bt K Godridge (Aus) 6-2. 6-1; S Drate-Brockman (Aus) bt S Noortender (Holl) 8-4, 5-7. 6-4; L Pouri (US) bt I Ahl 6-2. 4-5, 6-1; T Magrave (Aus) bt M Tu (US) 6-3, 2-8, 5-4; D Grahem (US) bt T Tensungem (Tol) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; C Papadsto (Gre) bt A Miffer (US) 4-8, 6-4, 7-5 Second round: C Singer (Ger) bt A Elwood (Aus) 7-5, 6-4; C Wood bt S Drate-Brockman (Aus) 5-7, 6-1; 6-4; M Vanto (Ven) bt N Patti (Aus) 7-6, 6-2; E de Lorse (US) bt S-A Scidel 6-2, 6-2; R Hirale (Jepan) bt J Ward 6-2, 6-3.

ing Federation title. YESTERDAYS RACING RESULTS

Warwick Going: lim

Going Imm.

2.30 (6) 1. LAMORNA (A Gorman, 10-1):
2. Mister Pink (J Reid, 4-1); 3. Superqueel (Emma O'Gorman, 8-1); ALSO RAN 2-1 lav Aybeegin (5th), 5 Don Sebastan (4th), 9 Watercolour. 14 Princess Ferdinand (8th), 20 Ry Down To Rio 8 ran, 131, 51, sh hd, 134, 2. M Chennon at Upper Lamboum. Tate: £10.10; £1.90, £1.10, £2.90 DF £19.70 CSF £45.19.

DF. £2.80 Trio £46.20, CSF £6.98

3.30 (1m) 1, MONTONE (Dr M Mannish, 11-2), 2, Raven's Roost (Mr A Charles-Jones, 68-1); 3. Kevestingo (Mr C B Hills, 8-1); 4. Benjamins Law (Mr O McChail 9-1), ALSO RAN: 9-2 (av Amapa, 7 Indrapura, Loguard Express, 8 Kingchip Boy (6th), 10 Desert Calm (6th), 12 Teen Jay, 14 Best Kept Secret, 16 Royal Thimble, 20 Mirnosa, Swedish Inwader, 50 Bit The Buillet, 66 Futidity 16 tan. 2, sho. 11, 14, J. Jenkins at Royaton, Toter E5.40, Ct.50, Ct.980, Ct.20, Ct.00 DF £445.80, Trior £775.10 (part worr, pool of £784.27 carried forward to 3.00 at Goodwood today), CSF £281.84 Tricast; Ct.804.42

4.00 (1m 2! 169yd) 1, SOVEREIGN PAGE (J Reid, 11-2), 2. Silentity (Martin Dwyer,

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: HILAALA (4.30 Goodwood) Next best: Smarter Charter (2.50 Beverley)

7-2), 3, Harvey White (A McGlone 6-1) ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Mytonlaine (Sitt), 17-2 Dorny Three (4th), 12 Hand Of Straw, Tanan (8th) 7 ran NR Baidhela, Roushan Zidac 11, 14, sh hd, 13-1, 13-1 B Hanbury at Newmorket Tote, £8.20 £2.50, £2.00 DF £7.60, 17to, £12.90 CSF £22.99 Tricast £103.74

4.30 (im 2f 169yd) 1, TRACEABILITY (G Cartor, 9-4); 2, Present Arms (Paul Eddery, 4-1) 3, Mejdak Jereeb (T Sprake, 8-1) ALSO RAN 2-1 fav Reed (4th) 7, Alveys Happy (6th), 8 Claro's Dencer (5th) 6 ran 1-41, 2, 7t, 1-4, 41 S Williams at Newmarkot Tolo E3 10, 57 70, 62 40 DF £13 30, CSF £11 65

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5.00 (50) 11, FYORS GET (M Rimmer, 17-2) 11, STEP ON DEGAS (F Lynch 3-1 lav), 3, Liffboolta (Mortin Dwyor, 4-1), ALSO RAN- 11-2 Privoses £6/so (401) 6 Inculinta (601), 7 La Boile Dorminquo Madrina (501), 12 Bouton D'Or 8 ran Dd-11, 11, 131, 21, 131 B Hambury at Newmarket, M Forherston-Godley at East fieley Toter Fyors Grit £2.0, Step On Degas £1.30, £160 DF £41.80 CSF Fyors Gift. 518.65; Step On Degas, Fyors Gift. 513.25 Treast, Fyors Gift, Step On Degas, Littletta £55.36; Step On Degas, Fyors Grit. 513.25 Treast, Fyors Grit. Step On Degas, Fyors Grit. Utiliceta £47.90

5.30 (71) 1, PADDY'S RICE µJ Reid, 8-1); 2, Morning Surprise (C Carver, 8-1); 3, Alvays Grace (M Henry, 5-2 lav), Al-3C RAN; 11-2 Hewansia (6th), 7 Society Margic, 8 Nicola's Princess, 12 Bullper Belle, 14 Baranov, Pairetaine (5th), Scanicris, 16 Jaree Do (4th), 33 Craver Cottage, Winter Scott, 13 ran, NR: Only Hd. 3, nk, hd. 11 M McCorrack at Wantage Tole: £8.50; £2.40, £2.00, £1.50 DF: £47.40 Thio: £48.50 CSF £70 III. Alskipot rist won (pool of £12.590.78 carried forward to Goodwood today). Placepoot: £76.60. Quadpot: £14.80.

Yarmouth Going: firm

George firm 3ydl 1, DAWNA (Pal Eddery, 13-8 teyl 2, Sea Of Stone (R French, 33-1); 3, Royal Action I) Outro, 25-1, 34-150 RAN, 9-2 Golden Thunderbolf (4n), 5 Rose A Prince, 10 Go Britanna, Georgia Chef, 12 Altsyph, 15th, 20 Bourbored, Lunda, Naaman, 40 Lucky Begonia (6th, 3thy Smooth 13 ran 21 nl, kl) 15-1, kl H Cool at Newmarks Toter 22 00; £1.10, \$4.50, £5.90 OF; £3.590, This 2256 Topart won, pool of £155.96 carried forward to 3.00 at Goodwood loday), £SF: £50.44 to 3.00 at Goodwood loday). CSF: E50 44
2.45 (1m 3yd) 1, IRREPRESSIBLE (ADaly, 20-1); 2, Northern Gray (M Fenton, 16-1), 3, Yet Agam (W Ryan, 9-1), 4, Total Rach (W Woods, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 Lav Sapphre Son 15th). 9 Red Aday, 10 Bed News. Overpower. Sylvan Princess (8th). 11 Arington Lady. Crystal Fast, Farteste. 12 Pinkerton Polika, 14 Buddy's Friend, 18 Glonous Island, 33 Begger's Opera. Binlaboon, Shufflecock. 18 ran 4, 294, 114 hd R Hodges at Somerton Tote 28-20; 24 90. 55 70, 23 60, 22 40. DF 2003 10. Time 21,317,50 CSF. 2315 89 Tincast 22,916,64

3.15 (7) 3y(c) 1, PANATA (O Litbina, 6-5 tav) 2, Delphine (M Fenton, 3-1); 3, Ewar Suntise (E Doyle, 6-1) ALSO RAN, 10 Ember (4th), 14 Jeanne Cutona (6th), 50 Rhytimus Ball (5th) 6 ran, 51, 141, 391, 21, 27 I, Cuman; al Nowmarket, Tote £2 00; £1 30, £1 50 DF £1 70 CSF £4 42 ET 30. ET 50 UP ET 70 CSF E4 42
3.45 (61 3yd) 1, JERRY CUTRONA (J F
Egan, 9-1) 2, Green Barries (J Weaver,
4-1), 3. Stop Play (P Robinson, 6-1) ALSO
RAN 3-4 ton Albaha, 9 Missis Toe (6th)
Riffit, 14 Mindraco, Tirries Of Times, 25
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£4.20, £1.70, £1.20 OF £42.40 Time
£49.10 CSF £43.15 Tigas: £215.26
4.15 (6t) 3wn 1, DUEST EXPRESS IM 4.15 (6) 3yd) 1. QUEST EXPRESS (M Fortion 11-2), 2. Air Express (B Doyle 13-2), 3. Margud (M Hills, 20-1) ALSO RAN 1-2 tav Regal Partol (4th), 12 Sharp Helium, 14 A Broeze (6th), 25 Admonsh (5th) 7 ran 1-1, 9, 2, 1, 144 M Bell at Newmarket, Tote: 68 40, 52 00, 52 50 DF 519 80 CSF 537 71

£19.80 CSF £37.71 A.45 (Im 6f 17yd) 1, FROZEN SEA (B Doyle, 3-1), 2, Lucky Coin (F Norton, 6-1); 3, Mitzyen (L. Detton, 15-8 lav) ALSO RAN-3 Groot Land (4th), 10 Red Light (5th), 33 Noble Society (6th) 6 ran, 41 144, nk, 161, 19 G. Enright at Lower Tote: £4.70; £1.90, £2.70 DF, £9.20 CSF, £18.57

12 70 DF. 19 20 CSF. £18 57
5.15 (Im.2) 21 yd J. PRINCELY AFFAIR (R. Mullen, 13-2), 2. Controlled (T. Thomas. 4-1) 3. Studio Thirty (A. Eddery, 12-1). ALSO RAN 3-1 fav. Lady Sabras (4th), 8. Augustan (5th), Corne Hai, 11 Persephone, 12 Western Horson (6th), 16 El Don, M. Speculator 10 ran 144, sh hd. 154, II sh hd. M. Bell at Norwartiest Tote 28 to 22 yd, £180, £260 OF £17.20 Tot. £100, 40. CSF £30.59 Tricast, £279.570.
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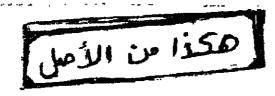
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RACING: NEWMARKET TRAINER OUT TO STRIKE BLOW FOR UNDERDOGS IN BLUE RIBAND AT EPSOM

Tompkins aims to make Derby mark

MUSCAT



LET us immediately broaden the canvas in sketching the soul of Mark Tompkins, who threatens what few others have achieved in competitive sport. Victory for Even Top, his representative in the Vodafone Derby on Saturday. would equate to Coventry City winning the Premier League, or a British winner at Wimbledon.

It would mark the triumph of the underdog, reduced to that status by nothing more meaningful than a shortage of funds. Above all, it would be hailed as a victory for horse racing itself.

That latter sentiment was overwhelming when Even Top, who has since overcome the effects of a poisoned foot, came within half an inch of catching Mark Of Esteem in the 2,000 Guineas.

Tompkins may not have known whether to laugh or cry, but his horse's brave rally survived a lengthy series of Derby trials as the definitive performance for Epsom. Like the office boy short-listed for the chairmanship, Tompkins now stands within reach of the

Should he scale it, the postrace Derby interview will stun Britain's telly addicts into a silent state of shock. Tompkins will shatter the image of



Tompkins offers Even Top a reassuring pat before his big Epsom challenge. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

suits, tribies pulled low against the eyes almost as an apology for their very existence. Tompkins's eyes may be shielded by museum-piece tinted spectacles, but he will

stand proud and talk straight. His demeanour will demand that people celebrate with him. He will reflect that it is a long way from the horsedealers markets in Yorkshire to the winner's circle at Epsom. He will do it all with a give it away. As far as Tomp-

trainers bedecked in expensive confident grace. And he will inspire the belief that racing can actually be fun.

Some who have worked at his Flint Cottage Stables, in the heart of Newmarket. might question whether this Yorkshireman merits portrayal as one of the game's good guys. They have it all wrong. although they will be correct when they say he has a temper. Those to have fought for their livelihood do not then

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kins is concerned, staff not totally committed are handing an unacceptable advantage to

the opposition. Yet horsemen hard on their staff are notorious for loving their horses. Tompkins perfectly fits the mould, as he amplified when discussing allweather racing with typical frankness. I hate it with a vengeance," he said. "It is unnatural to see those horses coming back with dirt all over their faces. It's just not right."

This dirt can be cleansed in seconds. It is entirely superfi-cial — yet too much of an affront to Tompkins's princely

thoroughbreds. Sound stable management, something of a dwindling art. is the Tompkins creed. As with his attitude to life, it is a nononsense approach rooted in old values. Not for him the London clubland, a fertile recruiting ground for the modern owner. This leaves him light on patrons prepared to

yearling sales, and therefore fight on potential classic winners in his string of 70.

Instead, Tompkins and his wife, Angie, comb the sales circuit, examining every horse in the bargain basement, buying speculatively in the hope of finding owners later.

It is a world away from the cossetted production line established by wealthy ownerbreeders, yet in Even Top, a 27,000 guineas purchase, Tompkins has unearthed a horse of similar ability. And he paid a modest 32,000 guineas for Honest Guest. who boasts legitimate claims in the Oaks tomorrow.

His training method owes everything to instinct. "As the horses walk out of the drive in the mornings I don't really know what I'm going to do with them," he said. "I try to think what they're thinking, ger inside their heads, decide what it is they want to do.

"Actually, galloping them on the Heath twice a week is the easy part. It takes 15 years to vaguely learn how to train horses - and even then you keep learning every day."

Intriguingly, Tompkins, a regular player of the National Lottery, has recently recruited Mystic Meg to his band of satisfied patrons. I wondered: had he consulted her crystal ball in respect of Even Top's Derby chance? "I hadn't actually thought of that, but I

suppose I ought to, really."

There is a lack of conviction in his voice, born, no doubt, from the knowledge that the soothsayer's promise is fickle against the fruits of hard

work's rewards. Tompkins has never trusted to luck, and with Even Top stabled within spitting distance of where he sat, he almost certainly reflected there was little point in starting now.

Favourite out, page 48

6.45 KNOBBLEENEEZE (nap), 7.15 Maradata, 7.45 Mujova. 8.15 Kalabo. 8.45 Little Noggins. 9.15 Myttons Mistake.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.45 Wild Rice.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.45 PEEPING TOIK HANDICAP

(26.645; 71 2yd) (12 runners)

7.15 RABBIT CATCHER HANDICAP SKY (£4.202: 1m 2t 75yd) (6)

7.45 TARRAGON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,406: 51 16yd) (5) 9-4 Milyno, 17-4 Mantatan Diamond, 7-2 Bold African, 7-1 Battymole, 10-1

sky 8.15 BIRD LIME CONDITIONS STAKES (£5.603: 1m 4l 66yd) (5) ###E5 (25,005, 111 41 00/91 (47)

1 0-19 JUNISH 34 (DES) B HIS 4-9-11

2 301 KCY TO MY HEART 21 (DES) Mes S Hall 6-9-5. J Wester 5

2 11 RAMBOW TOP 114 (GT W Happe 4-9-5. K Danley 3

4 2-31 SURANIOM 18 (DS) L Carras 4-9-5. K Danley 3

5 50-3 KALABO 130 (F.S) S CO Surgel 4-6-11 L Detuct 2 6-4 Nazzu 2-1 Rey To Me Heart 9-2 Susanom, 5-1 Juyush, 6-1 Randon Top

8.45 FLASH IN THE PAN CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3.513. 6f 18yd) (11)

1 54-0 DOUBLE OSCAR 5 (D.F.) 21 Johnson 9-6
2 -100 LITTLE NOGGRIS 43 (D.F.S) C Dayer 9-3 N Varley (3) 2
3 -595 AMOUS BECCOATUP 12 (B) B McMathen 8-12 L Mewton (5) 1
4 -105 STANDOWN 6 (BF.F.G.S) J Serry 8-12 N C Barley 5
5 7065 CISERAND 6 (G) M Chamen 8-11 I Ione Wands (7) 11
6 5000 BOFFY 13 (9.G) 2 Baugh 2-10 N Ione Wands (7) 11
7 -633 NO MORNEY MUTS 24 (D.B.F.) J Borry 8-10 K Fallon 6
3 0134 THE WAD 6 (D.F.) D Norbolt 3-6
9 5 PALACEGATE CHEF 311 N Latronden 3-5. T G McLauphins 8
10 2033 THE FILSKY FARMER 17 (D.F.S) W G M Turner 8-4 T Sprake 8
11 0000 J-NO-HARRY 37 (D.F.) F Hollustraad 8-4 F Lynch (5) 3 (3-Y-0: £3,513, 6f 18yd) (11) 7-4 Double Dater, 5-1 Lote Noggins, 6-1 The Wed 7-1 No Membey Nots 8-1 The Firstly Farcer 16-1 Control 12-1 Both 14-1 others.

9.15 DOGE OF VENICE HANDICAP (£4,280 51 16yd) (12)

24,280: 5f 16y(f) (12)

1 456 LAZY SHERREF 9 (D.BE F.G.) R Holikeshead 5-10-8 F Lynch (5) 4

2 0-09 PALACEGATE JACK 28 (D.F., 5) J Berry 5-9-10 P Roberts (5) 2

2 00 MANTON ROCK 12 (B.D.F) & Balley 4-9-8 J Carmol 3

4 1-02 BALKSI ROSE 8 (D.F.G.S) M Blanshard 4-9-4 J J Glovan 12

5 80-0 MANTARIA ROSE 8 (D.F.G.S) M Fetherston-Godfey B-9-0 (D.Harrison 11)

| Department | Dep F-P Bagin Ross. 4-1 Mytems Mystale 9-2 Chachell Half, 5-1 Sing With The Band.
12-1 Mytem Rock, Lasty Shenn 12-1 Street.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

GOODWOOD 101
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Chester

TRAINERS: M Fetherston-Godley, 3 winners from 11 numers, 27 3%; B Hills, 14 from 68, 20.6%; G Wragg, 5 from 27, 18.5%, J Watts, 4 from 24, 16 7%, M Blanshard, 3 from 18, 16 7%, W Haggas, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

W Haggas, 3 nom 22 15,0%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley 9 winners from 56 ndes, 16 1%, M Hills, 10 from 67, 14 9%, G Carter, 6 nom 46, 13,0% J Cartell, 12 from 98, 12 2%; K Fallon, 9 from 74, 12,2%, L Dettori, 8 from 68, 11 9%, J Quinn, 5 from 45, 11 1%

7.30 RIVERBOAT CASING HANDICAP SKY HASE (24,U02; 300) (17) 1 UNIS CENUDH BOY 41 (0,F,R,S) With J Goodtellam (6-12-5 G Capis (3) 2 312- GROSS CARRON 22 (F.G.) J Helium 10-11-2 ... B Sormy
3 185- SWORND BEACH 154 (D.F.G.S) Mr. (I Reveille 12-11-6 ... P Storm)
4 P21- HELIWALK 13 (D.F.G.S) R Carts 10-11-1 ... D Morris
5 122- RIDOCKET RIWA 41 (F.G.S) Mr. (Mac. 1 News 10-11-1 ... A Thornton
8 844/ THE YANK 409 (V.D.F.G) M rhammond 10-10-5 Mir C Bonner (3)
7 382- EAST HOLISTON 12 (F.G.) J O'Ned 7-10-4 ... A P LACOP
8 833- OFF THE BRI 12 (D.F.G.S) Mr. S Brandoner 11-16-2
9 229/ JAME CHOICE 694 (3) W Patton 9-10-2 ... Mr. 15 Bradburne 11-16-1 ... A Dobbin
11 4/6- BALD JOKER 64 (D.F.S) D McCharpy 11-10-0 ... A Dobbin
7-2 Hillesik, 5-1 Rochal Run, 6-1 Ceristh Bo; 7-1 Cress Carnon 6-1 Sept9
Beach, Of The Bru, East Houston, 10-1 others

PERTH

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

(£2,788, 2m 4l 110yd) (7 runners)

7.00 JOLLY MILLER NOVICES HURDLE

1- GAWN INN 31 (G) 1/ Partic 6-11-7
40- BALLYALLA CASTLE 8 (B) 3 Factor 7-11-7
800- BREQUEST 10 D Nation 5-11-7
800- DOLISE ME 6 (B) 1 Formation 7-11-7
909- LIST A GLESS 94 (B) 1/ D New 5-11-7
809- LIST A GLESS 94 (B) 1/ D New 5-11-7

/82- MIZRAK 21 M Herarung 5-31-1 460- KITZBERG 10 W Rock 5-15-16 . . .

7.00 Muzrak, 7.30 Hillweik, 8.00 Tabu Lady, 8.30 Boring, 8.00 Mister Casual, 9.30 Classic Statement.

THUNDERER

8.00 BRUCE WILSON SPORTS AND LEISURE HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,723; 2m 41 110yd) (7) 111- LIMEATHEN 10 (D.G.S.) Mrs. M. Ravdis, 6-12-7 (7cm). P. Kiren 036- TABU LADY 8 (S.CO IS) W. Rock 5-10-12 A P 1.5CDy 884- MASTER OFTHE MOUSE 12 (C.D.F.S.) M. Hamstood 10-10-12 F. Carrier 242- LEVEL EDGE 5 (S) H. Alexande 5-10-9 R. McGram (5) 4 242- LEVEL EDGE 5 (S) H Alexander 5-10-5 R McGram (5) 5 301- CAMORD LAD 8 (F.S) F Storey 9-10-4 (Fax) B Storey 9-10-1 (Tax) L O'TAX DELEMENT 12 (F) 1 Storey 5-10-1 G Caha (3) 6 Caha (3) Events Linkathen, 4-1 Campid Lad. 5-1 Level Folys. 10-1 Massigs John House. 12-1 Table Lady. 20-1 Datusman. Sylvan Coleonation

8.30 EARL GREY NOVICES CHASE (£3,761, 2m) (9) A P McCay 7-4 Movac, 7-2 Einse Man, 5-1 Boung 7-1 Security & State 8-1 Benthus Mister Block, 12-1 Le Denstar 18-7 1860's.

9.00 SNUGGLES BREAK HOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,388. 2m 110yd) (12) A P McCoy
S Metrose (7)
D J Mottate
W Fry
R McGrath (5)
G Cabil (3)
for C Borner (3)
P Dans
D Mortis
B Fection (3) R Marphy (i) 5-2 Pals Cross 9-2 Tresmoon 6-1 Bourdones, Mester Cassal 7-1 Tengry a arch 12-1 On The Move 14-1 others

9.30 GLASGOW WEST END CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,786 3m 110yd) (5) 1 514 SCRABO VIEW 31 (D.F.G.S) P Beauture 1-12-0 B Gratian (5)
2 314- TOUGH TEST 21 (F.S) May J Goodleton 6-11-2 B Featon
3 301- MICHOLAS PLANT 12 (F.S) J Golder 7-11-7 G Cahil
4 F12- SLAUGHT SON 12 (D.F.S) R FEAR 8-71-6 F Leaby
5 300- CLASSIC STATEMENT 26 (B.D.F.S) J Helicus 10-10-16

6 PGP/ MARLINGFORD EGR (C.G.S.) Mrs. J. Jordan 9-10-7 D Parker 2-1 Nicholas Plant, 9-4 Stauphi Son 3-2 Scrabo Veru 9-2 Tough Test 25-1 Classic Statement, Markingland

Perth

nearmers: Mrs M Reveloy, 20 with ners from 48 numers, 417%; P Beaumont 6 from 20, 30,0% M Hammond, 14 from 68, 20,6%; J Golde, 5 from 25, 20,0% R Altan 3 from 20, 15,0%, M Barnes, 4 from 32 12,5% JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 3 winners from 9 ndes, 33 3%: P Niven, 23 from 73, 31 5%; P Camil, 5 from 24 20 8% F Leahy, 3 nom 15, 20,0%, A Dobber, 14 from 76, 18 4%.

BEVERLEY

2.20 Castletown Count. 2.50 Smarter Charter. 3.20 For Old Times Sake, 3.50 Deano's Beano, 4.20 Fahim, 4.50 Befinda Blue.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.20 ice Age.

SOME GOCD TO FRM DEAN OF HIGH WINNESSE BEST

2.20 HURN CLAIMING STAKES eg var am di Capa, Tapangs. | E.S. (AFRICATION DESS NOT PROCESS AND A COMMENT OF THE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION OF THE PROCESS AND A COMMENT OF THE PROCESS AND A COMM 74 Danielber Court. Art Clarott Bist Carde Chim, 641 Bod Sm. 641 Verbee Fourth Remotiant CBH (claro Daspase

2.50 TOUCH ABOVE HANDICAP (£3.127; 1m 11 207yd) (7) E. 2 2005 ICHTELE PATROS, 15 (F) M Brown 4-6 (F) Control 7 (Control 7) (Contro

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRABERS: _ Curtary E aument from 19 numers, 31 6%; R Fahey, 3 from 14 Tr AN 12 January 19 from 95, 20 0%; A Securit 5 from 15, 20 0%; Mr. 12 Revete, 10 from 106, 15 ff., J Berry, 17 from 124, 12 7%. JOCKEYS, 4 Daster A4 waters from 254 selections, 16,8% R Hills, 4 from 25, 17,4% J Waters 17 from 124, 15,7% M Hills, 3 from 25, 12 fts, 8 factor, 19 from 165, 11,4%, G Carlett, 8 from 71, 11,8%.

3.20 BRIAN YEARDLEY CONTINENTAL TWO YEAR

OLD TROPHY (Conditions stakes: £7,468: 5l) (6) 21 0111 FOR OLD TIMES SAVE 17 (CD.F.G.) 3 Berry 9-1 G Carter 15: 021 BOLERO 80V 15 (D.G.) IN W Extensy 8-13 Oute Gloson 65: 13: 341 DOLBLE ACTION 19 (D.F.) 1 Extensy 8-13 K Falon 81: 43 FOR YOUR EVES ONE Y 18 (G) 7 Extensy 8-13 K Darley 91: 11 CE AGE 51 (D.F.) P Williams 8-13 K Darley 91: 15: 12 SUPERIOR PREMIUM 29 (D.BF.S) N Falve, 8-6 A Cultane 98 5-2 For Cra Timer, Sale: 3-1 For Your Eyes Only, 7-2 for Age: 5-1 Double Action, 6-1 Soles, Boy. Superior Promises

3.50 111th YEAR OF THE WATT MEMORIAL HANDICAP (\$5.540: 1m 3f 216yd) (6)

6 072- MAREOUR ISLAND 230 (K.S.) 35 Dr. 16 4-70-0 II Fation 96 5 3512 SARDON NELL BOY 14 (F. 6) 15 Northers 4-3-10 L Stack (S) 96 1 5-61 PRENVOR 23 (F. 6) Laby Henris 6-3-3 K. Darty 96 1 4-60 DEARD'S BEHIND 12 (P. M. Lohrston 4-3-2 L. Meaner 12 -474 TESSADE 31 (O.BF.F.G) II Common 4-6-10 L. Chammod 97 654 FAUGERON 2231 (D.F.G.S.) II Trivier 7-7-10 km Trivier 97

4.20 ETTON MARDEN STAKES

Erses, Fabru, 7-C Deser Frolig, 5-1 Cross Court, 6-1 Snetols, 8-1 Monophi Spell, 16-1 Araban Deser

4.50 FIGHAM APPRENTICES MAIDER HANDICAP (£2,134: 5f) (9)

9-4 Wer Act, 7-2 Swinds Blue, 4-1 Ancty Steam, 5-1 Chinz Hunf. 18-1 Branston Analy, Dive Lugana, 12-1 Branchile Grange.

SOUTHWELL

2.10 Freckles Kelly. 2.40 Sea Victor, 3.10 Farmost. 3.40 Hornpipe. 4.10 No Rush. 4.40 Awaleh.

DRAW, 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 LION HANDICAP (£2,381: 5f) (11 numbers)

2.40 PUMA CLAIMING STAKES (£2,381: 2m) (13)

3-4 Sec Lette 3-4 Old Provence 3-1 Slappery Fig. 9-1 Clafe Eller 9-1 other:

3.10 CHEETAH HANDICAP (\$2,381: 71) (13)

Unit United National Process of the State of Sta 2-4 Fermani, 5-1 -t Faco | 6-1 See Spoose | 6-1 Biver Germani | 10-1 others

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Goodwood: 5.00 Asrral Invader Beverley: 2.50 Reeta's MAI 3.50 Herbour Island. Southwell: 2.10 Decreto 2.40 Etaad: 3.40 Jose Ning 4.40 Realms Of Govy Lictito Chester: 7.45 Bold African, Angus McCoalup Perth: 7.00 Brouse Mel Eatlyalia Castle, Just A Guess 7.30 Posting Aman, 9.00 Pass Cross

3,40 TIGER MAIDEN HANDICAP

[£3,371: 1m] (16)

1. #40 PRIJEDIU PRINCESS 12 A hate 44-13... Martin Owyer (5) 2
2. 68-2 NAJTEN 17 P. Burgeyne 6-4-12... D. R. McCalen 11
3. 452 NORAPPE 12 J. Wharton 4-9-11... W. J. O'Cornor 3
4. 5000 SHERAZ 12 R. Traillar 44-9-11... W. J. O'Cornor 3
4. 5000 SHERAZ 12 R. Traillar 44-9-11... C. Rutter 16
5. 6400 J. A. TANSANI 33 R. Humon 3-8-6... J. F. Egund
6. 5-20 USSALLOWED 31 N. Bell 3-9-7... R. Perhama 1
7. 440- CARPERIL 233 B. Hilb. 3-9-6... T. Sorke 15
8. 5-40 J.UBA 17 J. Scargel 4-9-3... Then 12
9. 8-00 RASHTHEDARDS 14 J. Queen 3-8-3... S. D. Williams 5
10. 0004 RASHTH SOLD 8 N. Veste 4-9-0... R. Adarmon 1, 51
12. 5320 MARSHH 593 P. Bloomey 4-9-1... J. Farmong 10
13. 2007 TEP IT N. 415. J. A. Smith 7-8-2... T. Casgue (3) 8
14. 0020 ROYAL RAPPORT 9 (8) 8 McAlatinn 3-8-2... G. Duffeld 7
15. G0004 SPEEDV SIMA'S PRIDE 10 (8) P. Candel 4-8-8... J. Quiffeld 7
1-7-2 Sealont Solid. 4-1 Tauten. 5-1 Homping Marshay, 8-1 Bistriphebourks, 10-1 La

7-2 Facint Gold, 4-1 Taxton, 5-1 Horopope, Muschu, 8-1 Bestyleboords, 18-1 La Tatgaro, Cardid, 12-1 Gibes,

4.10 LEOPARD SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0- £2,070: 6f) (7)

2-1 Impails, 5-2 Runs Revenue, 3-1 Enchanting Euc, 4-1 No Rush, 20-1 Duses Roses, Dodfellant: Grl, 33-1 Hazy Days 4.40 BET WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £2,381: 1m) (16)

11 3285 DOMN THE YARD 22 (F) M Chapman 8-9 Marin Duryer (S) 15
12 0-22 AWATEH 10 S Motor 8-7 N Adams 9
13 U-60 DOWNAM 65 T Jones 9-6 B Perham 6
14 0-30 HOW COULD #9 F Camping 8-6 N J J O'Corpor 10
15 0604 SUPPLEME BLUSTON 12 (6) Joins Beny 8-3 G Duttheld 13
16 -065 COCOON 118 C Thorston 8-2 N G Duttheld 13
1-1 Down The Yard, 4-1 Analety, 5-1 Calignore Maps, Pulga Caro, 6-1 Elipellin, 12-1 Jolis Pressol, Process Pampathly, 14-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANTERS: M Pyen, 20 mines from 87 numes, 23.0%, 8 Lewillys. 3 larm 16, 18.8%; M Presont, 19 from 106, 17.9%; M Bell, 11 from 75, 14.7%, J Berry 35 from 250, 14.0%, D Michells, 13 from 99, 13.3%. 100.0EVS: D Briggs, 31 wanners from 168 ndes, 18.5%, T lines, 24 leten 132, 18.2%, Emma O'Gornan, 26 from 175, 16.0%, C. Teaque, 21 nom 154, 13.6%, G Duffield, 21 learn 194, 16.8%, G Bardnell, 28 from 262, 10.7%

GOODWOOD

200 Lucky Revenge 3.30 Harbour Dues 4.00 Without Friends 230 Speed To Lead 4.30 Hilaala

3.00 Male-Ana-Mou The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 STATE OF CAUTION. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 HAMLET (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

booker and usualize manner of — popular herourile in latest race). Going on which horse has usen (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. 5 — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets Tealmer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 ALBERT MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y	-0: £	3,915: 7	(f) (12 numers)	
181	(5)	D4	BANDERET 17 (E & W Rebins) Lord Huntingdon 9-0	81
162	(10)		CROSS OF VALOUR (P Daiby) J Toller 9-0	-
103	(11)	0520-	DIAMOND BEACH 226 (R Richards) B Hills 9-0 B Thornson	87
104	翻	33-0523	LIDATEL EDWARDS 6 (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cols 9-8 . DOUBTFUL	-
105	(12)		MEMPHIS BEAU (Blandford Thoroughbreds) J Toller 9-0	-
106	(3)	163-	MUHANDAM 264 (Sheeth Ahmed Al Malesourn) B Hembury 9-0 W Ryan	78
107	(2)	60	PLAY THE TUBE 5 (R Brookhouse) K Burke 9-0 S Whitworth	73
115	(1)	65-343	STATE OF CAUTION 18 (6 Ward) J Dunlop 9-8 Pat Eddary	
166	m		ALL STARD 15 (Major P Pusinelli) D Chappell 8-9	85
110	[2]	00	BOMBAY SAPPHIRE 29 (P Telhiright) R Hannon 8-9 Dane O'Notil (3)	
111	(4)		GOVERNANCE 51 (B Kelly) > Lichaldite 8-9	-
112	(6)	002220-	LUCKY REVENSE 274 (S Bayloss) M Meads 6-9	74
BETTW	WE 2.	Down DI	Property of A I have Edwards O. S. Dominant Bounds historians of a 211 Charles City I.	ada.

FORM FOCUS RANNERET 6: 4th of 11 to Diverse Luns in aucken meaden at Bath (1m. good) DIAMOND BEACH 41. 2nd of 11 to Instatistic in oradient at Newcastle (7), good) on penulismate start LUONEL EDWARDS 1941 and Instal Series in 8 to Lumerick Photocasts in Readings of Cottonics (5), good) MENANDAM 11 and next 3rd at 10 to The Man on maiden at Catamick (SI, good). STATE OF CAUTION 1941 and of 12 to King Oil Peru in handleap over course and distance (good). ALL STAND is 7 no of 15 portry in maximum over course and distance (good). LUCKY REVENCE 23 2nd of 5 to Ferma in soften here (SI, good).

2.30 MORTAR MILL HANDICAP (£4,464: 2m) (8 runners)

FORM FOCUS SPEED TO LEAD 5(4) 3nd of 13 to Darier as bandicap at Sandown (2m 18 year), good, MAR'S HULTTER 1846 6th of 11 to Recky Forum in handleap at Kemplon (2m. good to soft). Bit MACANCES at 3nd of 16 to Recky Forum in familiar part (2m. soft) with 1744_LANAH head 3nd and 6RANBY BELL (5th better off) about 201 Selection: SPEED 10 LEAD

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3.00 BELMOREDEAN MAIDEN STAKES

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100	die	9-3	FREUR 35 (P. Jesobs) N Graham 9-0			
112	(2)	5-0	PLITURE'S TRADER 40 (A Halom) 9 Hannon 9-0 Dane O'Neil (3) -			
0.3	(t)	4-3	LLLAMMATE 37 (Blandford Thorpughbreds) J Toller 8-0.			
103 204 205	(12)	2	PRESH SEA B (Afana A) Majatraum) M. Structe 9-0			
105	(5)	Ø	KING'S ACADEMY 19 (M Polynd) H Czerl 9-0 W Riyan —			
	(13)	33	MALE-ANA-ANDU 17 (BF) (On So Bright Syndicate) D Elswyrth 8-0 . T Duton 92			
347	(11)		MANTED 14 (Sheith Ahmes A) Malegum; J Goszien 9-0 A McGlone —			
106	(3)	6-3	PALAMON 19 (M Pescas) R Charleon 9-8 Pag Eddary 84			
108	(8)		SERBAUS (E & W Rothis) Land Humanadan 9-0 B Dayle -			
110	(15i		SYLVAN HEIGHTS (Nas J. Webnest) R Photos 9-0 M Ferton -			
11	(7)	0-6	CLASSIC LOOK 15 IJ Contain D Crappell 8-9 . 8 Thomson 75			
112	(14)	3	CLASSIC PARISIAN 31 (Classic Biodelins) Pit; R Hame 3-9 A Markey			
113	(4)	0	LEPBOHA 50 (R Sangraph) B Holis 8-9 _ J D Smith (5) 75			
114	(ci	4	QUEEN BEE 19 (120) Sizier: J Contag 9-9 . W Carson 73			
115	(1B)	00	SHOEMAKER LEW 26 (Scottstate Floor; Plant 3 0 Sulface 6-3 A Clark -			
2778	NG 4-1		Albu 9-2 high Sep 5-5 Magninute Parament 7-5 Septical 8-5 Classic little 10-5 Septic			
PF 1	2-1 Office	6				

FORM FOCUS

RECOMMATE has short heads for all fairs, our ar-is madern at bean of mild good. (RUSH 55A dis-zare of 17 to Artell on mastern at 5 ppm 177 of a panel). MALE-ANA-MIDU made at 6 ppm 177 of at Dazy Chief in madern at studies. The 67 of good PALAMANN MIG and 17 to Afacts on at 3 de sit Restoury (1m 2), soft) was OLIEEN BOE 31 457 and KENGS ACADEM ::

3.30 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £5,791: 1m 4l) (7 runners) #81 (5) 0002-11 GENERAL MACARTHUR 28 (D.F) i Cameron J During 3-7 Pat Earlery 88 (T 100-213 MASHANN 19 (D.BF.F) in 31 MASHANN 19 MASHANN 1 BETTING: 11-4 Hambour Dues, 4-1 General Manastrer, 9-2 Nacham Hamini 5-1 Charlementi 7-1 Classic Fired 12-1 Informaci.

FORM FOCUS RENERAL MACARTHUR completed double bast Classoc Five 1% in 4-unner conditions race at Breefly (1m 4), good to lamb, MARHARN had and short-head 3rd of 9 to Sandam in handrap at Nestury (1m 4), soot D. Sandam in handrap at Nestury (1m 4), soot D. Sandam in handrap at Nestury (1m 4), soot D. Sandam in handrap at Nestury (1m 5) soot D. Sandam in handrap at Nestury (1m 5) soot D. Sandam in handrap at Nestury (1m 5) soot. The Nestury (1m 6) soot D. Sandam in marker of kernamin in Redam in Redam in Redam (1m 6). Sandam in Marker (1m 7) soot D. Sandam in Marker (1m 7) soot D.

4.00 BUSTER HASLAM AND PADDY MORRISSEY CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,558: 61) (7 runners)

BETTING S-4 Willows Friends, S-2 Hoto Doby, 7-2 Castle House, 4-1 Growther Flyer, 8-1 Imputation, 70-1 Resistant Subject 28-1 Contract and Castle

FORM FOCUS

CASTLE HOUSE about 3%1 4th of 5 to Kingsinger In conditions race at Salesbury (51 good) on penulturate stan, GROVEFAIR FLYER test Poly Moon (74) in 7-tomer selfer of Concata (51, good to carrolled double bed Miss Barcelona 41 in 7-tomples.

4.30 DARRILEY LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £7,570: 1m 1f) (6 runners) 601 (d) 5-1418 DOCKLANDS LIMO 31 (8F.6) (hir. L Olley) 8 McMath 9-2 M Tedouti 65 (d) 6-00 (1049-1-26) (b) 1 Hotby) J Dunico 6-12 Pat Eddary 94 (e) 6-0021 (D) SUPER TARSETING 6 (5) (Circular Dist Lot) M Chimnon 8-11 R Hughes 85 (e) 6-0021 (D) SUPER TARSETING 6 (5) (Circular Dist Lot) M Chimnon 8-11 R Hughes 85 (e) (2) 1-4 McAlak 10 (F.5) (H A) Malsoum) P Wathyn 8-11 ... W Carson 85 (e) 50-4 POSSESSIVE ARTISTE 12 (Nrs D Semburn) M Stoute 8-8 J Red 86 (e) CITTINES 5-2 Hitsela 11-4 Julys 7-2 Possessive Artiste, 4-1 Docklands Lano 7-1 others

FORM FOCUS

OCICLANOS LIMO best Exactly 1941 in 11-unner conditions race at Notington (1m 2, good) on penalitrate start. JOHN-T 41 7th of 20 to Reliab in mades at the bashay (1m, good to fam) SEVEN CROWNS 141 16th of 21 to Rel Frem in hendicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to fam). CD SUPER

5.00 POOKWOOD APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£4,07B. 61) (14 numbers)

BETTING: 4-1 Martie La Blow, 5-1 Stayous Domain, Astral Imedia, 6-1 Nelfie North, 7-1 Science Riche 6-1 Sharp Imp. 10-1 Normation, 12-1 others

AGWA hast effort this term hast Badeys Sunset 22 in 19-runger clearner at Brighton (B), firm) MELLE about 21 Sh of 10 to Always Grace in handlarap at 160RTH about 3141 4th of 8 to Total Aloof in conditions race at Bath (St. good), JOBE 71 4th of 9 days race at Bath (St. good), JOBE 71 4th of 9 days race at Bath (St. good), JOBE 71 4th of 9 days race at Bath (St. good), JOBE 71 4th of 9 days race at Bath (St. good), JOBE 71 4th of 9 days race at Bath (St. good) at Considerate start, MERRIE LE BOW hast Privas Silk short-head in 14-turner handlarap at 15 days race at Consideration over course and distance (good).

COURSE SPECIALISTS LOCKEYS Dane D'Neid Pal Eddery R Hughes I Therd R Cochrane W Carsta 30 151 40 221 150 201 23 3 20 5 17 5 15 8 15 3 14 4 I Cardion H Cardi I Goston B Hanbury P Cole

RADIO CHOICE

By Jenny MacArthur

MARY KING and William Fox-Pitt, two of Great Britain's shortlisted riders for the Olympic Games. have dual aims at the Bramham International three-day event in Yorkshire, which begins today.

Both riders have been asked by the selectors to ride their Olympic contenders, Star Appeal and Cosmopolitan respectively, in order to prove their fitness for Atlanta. They will also be competing on their younger horses, King Solomon and Linsmore Lord Charles.

The event has attracted a record 88-strong entry. largely due to the cancellation of Ireland's premier event, at Punchestown. last month. The British entry includes three more Olympic shortlisted riders: Ian Stark, on Forest Glen, Leslie Law, on Cruiseway, and Charlotte Bathe, on Welton Optimist. Andrew Nicholson, the New Zealander lying second in the world rankings, and Matt Ryan, of Australia, the Olympic champion, head the overseas entry.

King is hoping to extend her formidable record on King Solomon. The eightyear-old gelding has competed in only two threeday events. He was second at le Lion d'Angers as a sixyear-old, and won his second, at Compiègne, last year. "He's become a suall-round horse."

King said. King is also determined to show the selectors that Star Appeal's fail at the first fence at Badminton was an untypical aberration - on her part "I was on a very bad stride and rather than doing anything about it, I just sat there," she said.

With Karen Dixon sidelined after cracking her shoulder-blade last weekend, and Kristina Gifford out of Olympic contention, the selectors are hoping for a change of luck. The going at least, is on their side, Michael Tucker, the course designer and a selector, reports the ground as "excellent" after recent rain.

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ATRABILARIOUS

BYCOKET

ACARUS

WORD WAICHNEE

(a) A kind of cap or head-dress (peaked before and behind). As a miltary bead-dress, a casque. As an ornamental cap or head-dress, worn by men and women. From the Italian bicocca a little castle on a hill. "His bycoket or cap of state, embroidered with two crowns of gold, and ornamented with pearls.

(b) A genus of minute Arachuida, or spider-like animals.

embracing the cheese-mite and congeners; a mite. From the Greek dkari a mite, from akares minute, too short for cutting.

From a not + kar- aorist stem of keirein to cut. "The fowls ha

been exterminated by small-pox, and by the assaults of a little

(b) A raw soldier; (as a term of contempt) a needy beggar, a base

worthless fellow. From the Italian bisogno need or want, also a fresh, needy soldier. Bisogni new levied soldiers such as come needy to the war. Applied in derision to young soldiers who landed in Italy from Spain ill accounted and in want of everything. "Base and pillering besonios and maranders."

(a) Atrabilious, inclancholy; splenetic, acrimonious. Of or pertaining to black bile. From the Latin atra bilis black bile. A term anciently used for an imaginary fluid, supposed to be secreted by the renal or atrabiliary glands, and to be the cause of melancholy. "Kate Rowland was defending Mr Sinclair against an atrabilarious ouslaught from Mr Vivian."

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Sport succumbs to grand design

BRYANT'S EYE



hen an American distance runner Lewis named Bennett turned up to run a series of races in Britain 135 years ago, the promoters had a great idea. They would make him run in fancy dress.

When he stepped off the liner to race against the best that the Old World could offer, they were not at all sure if he was champion material, but they had spent a lot of money bringing him over and needed big crowds to recoup their

So they made sure that when he appeared on the track he did so wearing feathers in his hair (he was part Seneca Indian from New York state). They wrapped him in a wolfskin blanket and put moccasins on his feet. They announced that he spoke no English, that he had done all his running on the hunting field, and that his name was Deerfoot.

Despite some very mixed performances, and many charges of race-fixing, the tour was a sell-out success. His backers got their money back many times over.

The cunning Victorian promoters, almost a century shead of their time, had stumbled on one of the great truths of modern spectator sport: that there is a world of difference between a champion and a star - and that one of the simplest ways to hype the image of a star is to dress him or her up in a costume that will amuse, amaze or appai the punters.

How those Victorians would have grinned in admiration at the sight of the little black dress sported by Mary Pierce at the French Open tennis tournament last week. Cut low, square and sexy, the Pierce frock, a short black number with white stripes, was produced by Nike not so much as a tennis dress in which you might win, but as a leisure dress in which you are certain to star.



Dressed to thrill: Pierce flirts with high fashion at the French Open

Pierce got knocked out to the accompaniment of catcalls rather than the wolf-whistles that had greeted her. That will not have worried the Nike marketing team. Great dress, shame about the tennis. The truth is that Pierce has won only one major tournament the Australian Open in 1995 but she looks sexy and has a

famously abusive father. In an age when sport is increasingly a branch of the entertainment industry, she is great boxoffice material. She may not be a champion, but she is a star. The division applies to men

just as much as women, and is

often signalled by dress. Pete Sampras is a champion, but Andre Agassi, with his everchanging outfits, is a star. Greg Norman is not half the golfer that Nick Faldo is, but Norman, in those hats, is the bigger draw everywhere outside Britain. Paul Gascoigne's achievements are slight compared, for instance, with Ryan Giggs — but who is the bigger football star?

In the days before sport became an industry, dressing for games was quite a simple matter. The Victorians, who spent a lot of time making up rules in the years after

Deerfoot, laid down strict dress codes. Sports clothing was functional and predominantly white: on the tennis court or cricket pitch anything else would have had you thrown out. If a Rip Van Winkle, having dozed through the past quarter-century, were to reappear in a modern sports clothing store, he would be amazed and dazzled by the ranges of cut and colour.

Tennis really fell to the peacock tendancy soon after big money came into the game when Wimbledon became open to professionals in 1968, though ever since the 1920s

women had pushed at the boundaries of the dress code, with Suzanne Lenglen the first star to dare to cast off her corsets, wear skirts well above the ankle and sport a coloured bandeau in her hair.

In the years that followed there were plenty of delightful shocks on Centre Court, with the daring tennis knicker becoming an annual and popular feature ever since gorgeous Gussie Moran unleashd her frillies in the 1950s.

Cricket fell to coats of many colours in the late 1970s, when Kerry Packer's money horrified the traditionalists with floodlit night-time games, and athletics surrendered soon afterwards to an invasion of luridly coloured muscle-gripping lycra skinsuits that turned the likes of Florence Griffith Joyner into clotheshorses with spikes.

Sportswear, and its commercial spin-off, leisurewear,

'Buy the right outfit and you too can be a star'

are now Olympic-size industries. Athletic clothing is routinely worn to supermarkets. offices, airports — even churches - and provides a seemingly obligatory uniform for tourists. These days, people dress for the pub or the carboot sale in outfits that you would once have seen only in an Olympic village.

The manufacturers clothe the stars in ever more startling outfits and the public queue to buy. You might not be able to play like your heroes, but if you can afford it, you can at least dress like them. As a result, every gym and track in the land is overrun by expen-sively kitted-out poseurs who are deluded into thinking that sport is not about ability honed by hard work but about looking the part. The message is simple and, commercially, golden: buy the right outfit -the Mary Pierce frock, the Andre Agassi cap - and you too can be a star.

They used to say, before sport became a part of the entertainment industry, that "it's not the winning that matters, it's the taking part." For too many people today, the message is that "it's not the winning that matters, it's the dressing up". That, as they say, is showbusiness.

JOHN BRYANT

RUGBY UNION: BRITISH TOURING TEAMS ARE BEATEN AGAIN

Improved Scots fail to impose authority

Walkato Scotland XV35

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN HAMILTON

SCOTLAND depart for Invercargill this morning rueing their second defeat in three games on an increasingly demanding tour of New Zealand; they know that, once again, they have only themselves to blame.

In many ways this was an infinitely improved perfor-mance by a Scottish side that scored four tries and created numerous opportunities, but their inability to close down games came back to haunt them as Waikato - who took their chances clinically scored the winning try in the final minute. Unless Scotland quickly develop a more ruthless streak, the next fortnight, which includes the two internationals against New Zealand, will prove demoralising.

their best form from the five nations' championship; four times they built a ten-point cushion, only to allow Waika-to to claw their way back.

Rob Wainwright, the Scotland captain, was at a loss to explain how his side contrived to lose. "That was a game we should have tied up after 60 minutes. We have to take a lead from the Ali Blacks." When Scotland clicked,

however, they were mesmerising. Logan's try set up by Townsend's subtlety was an example: the standoff half offered the ball three times before the wing timed his run beautifully to score. SCORERS: Wallaste: Tries: Cooper. Monkoy, Walless, Warlow, Mur Conversions: Cooper (4). Pernally goels: Cooper (2). Scotland XV: Tries: Townsend, Stark, Shephord (3). Pernally goels: Stephend (3). Pernally goels: Shephend (3). Pernally goels: Shephend (3). Pernally goels: Shephend (3). WallkATO: B. Reinanz; J. Waltori W. Warlow, M. Cooper, W. Jemings, I. Foster, R. Duggan, C. Stevenson, G. Shrath, M. Diver, D. Coleman, S. Gordon (captani). T. Herni, D. Coleman, D. Mortiley, D. Mur. Jernings replaced by B. Meinung (49min). SCOTLAND XV: R. Shephend: C. Joner, S. Hastings, I. Jandine, D. Stark, G. Townsond A. Nool, D. Hallon, K. McKenzie, B. Stewart, R. Walningdi (captani), D. Wer, D. Cronn I. Smith. E. Pelese. Stark replaced by K. Logen (20); Comin replaced by P. Walton (40). Endean C. Hastin. times before the wing timed

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Welsh restore pride despite second defeat

New South Wales 27 Wales XV 20

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

WALES produced a muchimproved performance to run New South Wales close at the Sydney Football Stadium yesterday. After their collapse against Australian Capital Territory in their previous game on Sunday, the Welsh produced a gutsy performance that went some way to restor-

ing pride in the tour party.
They matched the home side try for try, but the boot of Tim Wallace, the stand-off, took NSW to a hard-fought victory.

The home side made the perfect start with Bond dashing over in the corner after nine minutes. Wales's only score in the first half came from an Arwel Thomas penalty goal. Wallace finding the target three times at the other end. He took NSW into a 17-3 lead early in the second half before Wales hauled themselves back with a stunning

try by Nigel Davies. Thomas converted only for Ekert to dart over from a scrum.

Thomas then produced a pinpoint kick that Evans colted in full flight to go over. Thomas's conversion cut the deficit to seven points. Wallace and Thomas swapping further penalties in a frantic finish. Wales now move on to Brisbane and the first international against Australia on Saturday.

In Wales's defence, Kevin Bowring, the coach, pointed out that the match with ACT was the first meaningful game many of the team had played since March.

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In the chair and out of it

In St Augustine's Chair. Radio 4. 7.20pm.

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So many newspaper column inches were taken up recently with what Dr Robert Runcie had to say about homosexuality to The Times's Anthony Howard, it was impossible to imagine that there was anything else noteworthy in that interview. Tonight, we hear the full conversation. Nothing in it is as controversial as his revelation that he had knowingly ordained practising homosexuals. Nevertheless, there is much meat left on the bones. Runcie mentions his doubts about whether he was a suitable tenant for Lambeth Palace. He confesses that he dragged his feet on the question of the ordination of women. He recalls his impressions of Magaret Thatcher, at their first meeting, and says that when they subsequently spoke at the same banquet, he always regarded his ten minutes as the meringue to her banquet, he always regarded his ten minutes as the meringue to her 30-minute roast beef.

White Skin. Black Masks. Radio 5 Live, 11.35am.

This is a rare platform for gypsies. We hear gypsy songs and poems This is a rare platform for gypsies. We near gypsy songs and incense and snatches of philosophy such as "We've got everything going for us if only we could be left alone". It is a huge "if". The 1994 Criminal Justice Act has made it easier for councils to evict gypsies from roadside sites. And, never silent for long, is the snarling voice of the bigot. Metaphorically speaking, he elbows his way on to the gypsy platform this morning to demand that "the parasites should all be put on a bloody island and blown up".

Peter Davalle

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Raising an obelisk but lowering the tone

Remember Roger Hopkins? No? I'll remind you. Roger Hopkins is the American stonemason who, in last week's Secret of Lost Empires (BBC2), had the granite-faced gall, the flintaxed effrontery to come over here and tell us how to build Stonehenge.

t 1,700 v.m. t. Summer—— —

Tact is not exactly this man's middle name. As he stalked about the reconstruction site muttering "remind me to get you the Boy Scout manual" or "hope you've built a decent A-frame", you just longed for his Wiltshire hosts to cast aside 3,500 years of good breeding and reply: "Yeah and you can just kiss my heelstone.

Last night he was back, unscheduled and wisely unannounced. The series had moved on to Egypt but Hopkins was there. still eager to show that when it came to erecting giant obelisks . . . well, who do you think wrote the Boy Scout manual? King Tut?

This, however, was nemesis know where they are going." time. At the end of a wickedly enjoyable 50 minutes we had learnt one thing about construction in ancient Egypt - erecting obelisks must have been a very bad-tempered business. If Hopkins turned out to be the reincarnation of a slave-driving pyramid foreman... I wouldn't be at all surprised. "Cheops, schmeops, it was me that got the thing built."

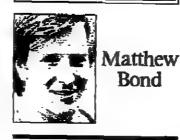
Obelisks - praise be to Ra -turned out to be quite another matter. Yet it had all started out so promisingly, with Hopkins and his conscripted chain gang bouncing stone balls onto granite slabs to show how the ancient Egyptians might have carved 400-tonne obelisks from the surrounding rocks. His rate of progress suggested that the ancient Egyptians would have been positively post-modern by the time they had finished. "Don't you think . . ?" began one of his Ameri-

Those inter-personal skills were corning on a treat.

He was even ruder when it came to the way obelisks were loaded onto barges. A pleasant female academic advanced a carefully researched theory that the barges could have been earthed up during loading. Hopkins's lips curled to their practised position: "Do they ever load a boat in dry dock? Never. I rest my case." Through gritted teeth, she just about managed a smile: "Well Roger, we'll just have to see what your method is." Roger's method sank.

hat rather marked a turning point for poor old Rog. Not only had the ancient world turned against him, but so had his fellow academies. Someone called Martin chose to meet fire with fire. If there was one thing he despised think..?" began one of his Ameri-can colleagues. "Naw, these guys workers messing up his obelisk

REVIEW



techniques, it was Roger Hopkins, Martin's favourite words were ridiculous" and "crazy", both of which he applied to Hopkins's pat'-pending sandpit method of erection. To say Hopkins bridled is to understate a truly sublime television moment, "Ridiculous?" [assume there was then an exchange of blows off camera which Martin won. "Sorry Roger, nothing personal." Even the mildmannered Mark, he of the Indiana as "...a clapped-out, post-imper-Jones titler, couldn't resist hitting a man when his obelisk was down: This might be a bad time to ask. Roger, but . . . * It was.

In the end nobody managed to get even a 40-tonne obelisk upright. Ali, the local expert, failed, despite his huge band of cheering. clapping helpers. Roger failed, because his A-frame (beautifully constructed, of course) left the pulling ropes too high. Only Martin, the king of the turning groove, could claim any sort of success, but only with a baby obelisk of barely two tonnes. "Bah," said our man: "I put up stones that size myself." Next week ancient Rome: my money's on Roger building it in a day.

You could see why Tales from the Wasteland (Channel 4) had got them so agitated down at Conservative Central Office. Sombre music, grim images and an anonymous voice-over describing Britain

ial. post-industrial slag heap" - if the producers had set out to win the commission for the next Labour Party political broadcast, they could not have done a better job.

ut if you could ignore the B propaganda-style readings (short, sharp and reasonably far apart) the producers had also done a good job of delivering some compelling television. Four families trapped in what another reading had labelled "the benefits wasteland" had been followed by the cameras for six months. These were their miserable stories.

Comparing levels of misery is a futile game, but in television terms perhaps the strongest story concerned a couple from Hardepool. Liz carned £80 a week, Jimmy had arthritis and couldn't get work. their teenage son was mentally handicapped and - worst of all they were addicted to credit. When

Liz got a new and better-paid job, the first thing they did was buy a new washing machine.

Soon after, inevitably, she was made redundant. A sympathetic adviser estimated their total debts at £17,000. Bankruptcy, he said, was always a last resort: "But in this case, it has to be an option." Unfortunately, he would not be around to find out - the advice centre was closed because of a rather larger financial crisis eisewhere.

To lift our spirits and to replace the hole left by ER, Channel 4 then gave us American Gothic At some point, someone will decide that we have had enough "weird stuff", but not yet awhile. Twanging slide guitar, evil abroad in Smalltown, USA - we've been here before, several times. It is well-made but I think it could be a while before "someone's at the door" replaces "damn fine cherry pie" in the national consciousness.

Estate Section 6:00am Business Breakfast (14490) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (45761) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax)

9.20 Morning Surgery (s) (1352896) 9.50 Fighting Back: Gary Mabbutt. Totten-ham and England forballer Gary Mabbutt talks about coping with diabetes

10.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (1486506) 10.45 News (Ceelax) (3879235) 10.55 Cricket — First Test: England v India.

(r) (Ceefax) (s) (1561322)

From Edgbaston (77981273) 1.00pm One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (55148) 1.30 Regional News and weather (39121235) 1.35 Neighboure (Ceetax) (s) (35122780) 1.55 Cricket - First Test: England v India

(85276371) 3.50 Peter Pan and the Pirates (r) (1302544) 4.10 The Wizard of Oz (Ceelax) (1795070) 4.35 Mud (r) (5388983) 5.00 Newsround (2309411) 5.10 The Biz (r)

5.35 Neighbours (861254) 6.00 Stx O'Clock News (Ceelax) (341) 6.30 Regional news magazines (693) 7.00 Top of the Pops (Cestax) (a) (6167)

7.30 EastEnders. It's Tony's birthday and there's a surprise in store for Ted at the party (Ceelax) (s) (877) 8.00 Animal Hospital: On the Hoof. Roll Harris and the team visit Whipanade Wild

Animai Park (Ceetax) (s) (5815) 8.30 Airport. (6/6) Photographer Dennis Stone waits for Michael Jackson, The Royal Suite is being prepared for the Suitan of Brunel, Cabin crew trainees find out whether they have passed muster. and, as Jean-Marie discovers, everybody

seems to have lost comething (Cae

9.00 News (Ceetso) regional news and weather (5032) 9,30 One Foot in the Grave. Margaret tries to

get her hiseband to cope with early retirement by getting him a book called Coping with Old Age (r) (53693)

(Cestau) (a) (48815) N.J.: 10.00 Spotlight 10.30 QED 11.00 Question Times 12.00 Cricket — First Test 12.40 Weather etion Time. David Dimbleby chairs 6

political debate. Tonight's guests are lan Trade: Glenda Jackson, MP; Sir Bernard Ingham, former Downing Street press officer; and the writer/comedian Jo Brand (78029) WALES: 10.30 The Slate (22235) 11.00 Question Time (65525) 12.00 Cricket — First Test: England v India (2486649) 12.40am Film: Hawks (480197) 2.25 Weather (1979007)

11.30 Cricket - First Test: England v India. Highlights from Edgbaston (209439)

12.10 Fit M: Hawks (1988) with Timothy Dalton, Anthony Edwards, Janet McTeer, Camille Codur, Julie T: Wallace and Conne Booth. Two terminally ill men hijack an ambulance and take off for one last adventure: a trip to the brothels of Amsterdam Directed by Robert Elils

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6.00am Open University: Ancient Athens (6829983) 6.25 The Founding of the Royal Society (6808490) 6.50 Engineer-

ing Mechanics (3302544) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (3045099) 7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (1356964) 7.55 Blue Peter (f) (Ceefax) (a) (7774877) 8.25 Penny Crayon (7369001) 8.30 Philibert the Frog (6452693)

8.40 The Record (9326821) 9.05 The Limit (8429322) 9.45 Writing and Pictures (Ceelax) (s) (9022877) 10.00 Playdays

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Landmarks (Ceefax) (s) (2625896) 12.00 Teaching Today (s) (43728) 12.30pm Working Lunch (71099) 1.00 Life school (59131235) 1.25 Human Rights, Human Wronge (31503167) 1.45 Numbertime (72067070) 2.00 Penny

Crayon (s) (73061877) 2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (a) (8608273) 3.00 News (Cestax), weather (4939235) 3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross (4249728) 3.55 News (Cealax), weather (2123214)

4.00 Cricket: England v India (s) (683070) 6.30 Top Geer: Ferrer! - The Italian Legend. Jeremy Clarkson extols the virtues of the Ferrari (r) (s) WALES: 6.30 More Rhodes around Britain (r) (235)

7.00 Crossing the River. The story of the second Sevem Bridge (4709) 7.30 Out and About (419) N.I.: 7.30-8.00 Ar Theacht an tSamhraid; WALES: 7,30-

8.00 Homeland 8.00 Rick Stein's Taste of the Sea. Rick Stein shares the secrets of the hish recipes that have made him one of the country's top sealood chels (r) (Caetax) (s) (3457) 8.30 One Foot in the Past With Wormwood

Scrubs to be listed, Kirsty Wark reveals the hidden world of the Victorian prison:

and Dame Thora Hird dances the night

at the Great Midland Holel (s) 9.00 The Travel Show. Simon Calder reports from the "spice island", Zanzioar, and hits the spice trail before traveling to the



Milosevic and Holbrooke (9.30pm)

9.30 Death of Yugosiavia: Pax Americana (388631) 10.20 From Dusk Till Dawn. Robert Rodriguez gives an exclusive, high energy, masterclass in how to make a first film for virtually nothing (s) (514341)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceetax) (935983) 11.15 Caytime TV. The series includes gaythemed holidays, stones from around the world and celebrity guests (Ceefaxi (s) (527148)
12.00 The Michight Hour (s) (35858)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

Crossing the River

BBC2. 7.00pm The new Severn bridge, opened vesterday by the Prince of Wales, is notable on two counts. It was built by private enterprise and at 35 miles it is the longest bridge in the country. This celebratory film glosses over the politics of the enterprise, beyond mentioning that the Anglo-French consortium which built the bridge has 30 years to get its money back. No wonder the tolls are so hefty. The effect on the natural environment is said to be negligible, though people living near by have suffered much from the noise and dirt. As a civil engineering feat, however, the bridge excites unqualified admiration. With the help of excellent graphics we can appreciate both the magnitude of the challenge ingenuity of the solutions. It even looks good. slim and graceful. Curiously, we never

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discover who designed the bridge.

Channel 4, 8.00 pm Nick Danziger is a film-maker of individual style who is probably best-known for updating George Orwell's experiences as a down and out in Paris and London. His new series is also about poverty, comprising short vignettes from six areas of Britain delivered in an unusual but highly effective mixture of film and black and white stills. Danziger himself is a prominent, always sympathetic, presence. His first call is to Glasgow where nwo friends. Mary and Aggie, agonise over the drug culture which has enveloped their children and is threatening their grandchildren. Then it is off to Halifax for a portrait of 20-year-old Anthony, trying to make contact with the parents who mysteriously abandoned him as a small child. Danziger is penetrating without being prurient and he never tries to judge.

The Death of Yugoslavia: Pax Americana BBC2. 9.30pm

The story of the Balkan tragedy was first told in a five-part series last year. The project was widely acclaimed and desensedly showered with awards. Now comes episode six relating how the Americans, who had for so long dithered on the fringes of the Bosnian horror, finally intervened and brokered the peace. As before, the meat of the programme comprises interviews with the participants. This is history from the mouths of those who made it. The raw material has been shaped and edited to give not only a coherent narrative but an illuminating one. no mean achievement with so complex a subject. As the film shows, in the end realpolitik was brought to bear on an ntractable problem. Having denou ethnic cleansing, the Americans had to swallow something very like it.

OED: You Only Live Once BBC1, 10.00pm

Miller Quarles is a Texan oil millionaire who wants to live for ever and is prepared to pay what it takes to discover the secret. But he is \$1 and unless somebody comes up with the antidote to againg soon, he will be lorced to succumb to conventional mortality. In Northampionshire, meanwhile, Danny suffers from a rare disease, progeria, which has aged him well before his time. Only 22, and lucky to have lived that long, he looks like a frail and wizened old man. Although they are thematically linked, the two stories sit uncomfortably together. Having had a good life, enjoying exceptional health and abundant wealth. Quaries seems merely greedy. A cure for progeria, which might give hope to the Dannys of this world, seems a worthier aim than enabling rich old men to outstay their welcome. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (7178341)

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9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (Teletext) (s) (1346235) 9.55 Regional News

(Telelext) (2113322) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (9062902) 10.35 This Morning (77383761) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7504490)

12.30 News (4216099) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (4284490) 1.26 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (7783457) 2.00 Home and Away

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3.20 News (4946525) 3.25 Regional News 3.30 The Riddlers (r) (6211341) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (s) (3672780) 3.50 Twinide the Dream Being (s) (5485439) 3.55 Rupert (s) (1387235)

4.20 Blazing Dragons: The Quest for the Holy Grail (s) (1786322) 4.45 Crazy Cottage (Teletext) (s) (5379235)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (3301341) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (387877) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (171982) 7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletert) (1235)

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7.30 3-D. Focus on Birmingham's team of pest controllers as they gear up for a summer battle against the rising tide of bugs and such invading homes (s) (273) 8.00 The Bill. The Samaritan in Boyden draws him into a world of young ottenders (Taleteyt) (4493)



Trouble for Coils Firth (8.30pm)

8.30 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Mester of the Moor. Episode one of a three-part murder mystery starring Colin Firth (r) (s) (90815)

9.30 S.A.S. — the Soldiers' Story. Oman — Battle of the Mirbat. A bloody encounter saw nine SAS men defeat an attack by 400 Arab sebels (Teletent) (s) (48761) 10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (31983) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (150815)

10.40 West Eye View Special. James Garrett reports on a year-long investigation into a hidden child abuse scandal (135896) 11.40 Hunter: A Child Is Born. McCall fights for an unborn baby's right to life after its mother is shot (268983)

12.35am Carnal Knowledge (9390378) 1,35 Not Fade Away (s) (7665804) 2.35 Shift (6148649

3.35 Late & Loud (r) (a) (7744587) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (60129) 5.00 Garden Calendar (r) (32804) 5.30 Morning News (50113)

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10.30 Westcountry News (141167) 10.45 Top Guns (936506) 11,15 Millionaires (186029)

11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H (791896) CENTRAL

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6.55-7.00 Life Line (605506) 10.40 London Bridge (957254) 11.10 Crime Stalker (737438) 12.10am Revelations (4209378) 12.40 Carnal Knowledge (9399649)

1,40 Not Fade Away (8083945) 3.35 Customs Classified (7808674) 4.20 Jobfinder (3396179) 5,20 Asian Eye (8728523)

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10.40 Film: The Anderson Tapes (88887166) 12.35am Phoenix (9390378) 5,00 Freescreen (32804)

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (78099) 9.00 The Golden Girls (r) (Teletext) (a)

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12.00 House to House(38896) 12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (40322) 1.30 Hultaballoo. Followed by Altie Atkins

1.55 Australian History (35126506) 2.20 FILM: See Wolf (1941, b/w) starring Edward G. Robinson and Ida Lupino. Directed by Michael Curtiz. Drama about a sinister captain who rescues a couple after their terrylocat sinks. (734099) Followed by Broke!

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A view of British poverty (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE Srokel: Postcards from the Edge (Teletext) (852E, 8.30 Home to Roost, Comedy att. John has his wastrel son (Reace Dicadale.

living with him (r) :Teletext) (s) (7032) 9.00 Brokel: Tales from the Wasteland, A focus on four young people who are a place to live (Teletext) (s) (93-11)

10.00 NYPD Blue. What seems to be a routine murder inquiry in a local ber becomes personal when the squad realise the victim was someone close to all their hearts (Teletexti (s) (966693) 10.55 Whose Line is it Anyway? (r) (Teletext) (s) (739896) 11.30 FILM: Track 29 (1988) starring Theress

Russell and Gary Oldman, A Dennis Potter-scripted surreal black cornedy about a sexually frustrated North Carolina housewile who becomes bizarrely irrivolved with a young stranger who may or may not be her son. Directed by Nicolas Roeg. (Teletext) (s) (443963) 1,10 FILM: The Hatchet Man (1932, b/w)

starring Edward G. Robinson. A drama about a powedul member of the Chinesa community in San Francisco who becomes involved in a series of vicinus Tong wars. Directed by William A. Wellman (3706026) 2.30em Trief by Fire. An examination of the

growth in religious fundamentalism in India, particularly among militant Hindus. (3216026) Ends al 3.40

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Prince of Central Park (1977) (6186 6.00

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Windows (1960) (5966649)

SKY MOVIES GOLD 12.00 Sine Sides (1945) (7003/) 2.00pm The Man with the Gun (1955) (30728) 4.00 A Hight at the Opera (1935) (3723) 6.00 Pat and Mills (1952) (10364) 2.00 The River (1984) (2:708) 10.00 A Alighmane on Em Street (1984) (413457) 11.35 Bright Lights, Big City (1985) 1880-22 1 25-3-05am The Enemy Below

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SKY SPORTS

7.00mm Inside the PGA Tour (45709) 7.30 Wrestling Superstars (15952) 8.30 Racing News (55612) 9.00 TT Races (36148) 10.00 News (55612) 9.00 TT Races (56148) 10.00 France v Wales Super League European Champonship (70419) 12.00 Aarobics (56728) 12.90 per Futbol Mundel (94089) 1.00 Over 35's Socier Tournament (82554) 2.00 Inside the PGA Tout (9883) 2.30 PGA European Golf English Open (822167) 5.30 Whesting (39964) 6.30 Sports Centre (517877) 6.35 Formula Three Racing (822148) 7.00 The Wirming Post Perth and Chester (20273) 8.30 International Cuckat England v India (48612) 10.00 Sports Centre (279631) 10.15 500% A (675893) 11.15 Futbol Mundral (272235) 11.65 Watersoots World (570148) 11.45 Watersports World (670148) 12.45am NASCAR Supernucks (698858) 1.45-2.45 Boots in AB (514842)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00pm US Seniors Gott Memonal Classic (7159780) 9.00 Ford Scorpio Golf USA-Burch Classic (8106780) 11.00 PGA Euro-pean Gott Murphy's English Open (2282148) 12.30-1.00em Formula Three Racing (9243610) THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

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SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globertoner (4939836) 11.39 Greal Sports Vacations (4930525) 12.00 The Shortey Pennsula (4819896) 12.30pm Penre Francy (3967322) 1.00 Getaves; (7178915) 1.30 On Top of the World (981990) 2.00 Res Crops (475984) 4 (3981699) 2.00 Ben Cropp (1757985) 3.00 Globelrotter (4151902) 3.30 Around the World (9392506) 3.55-4.00 Holiday Shop THE HISTORY CHANNEL

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Michael Caine, Entertainment Special (Disney Channel, 8.30pm)

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Irani set for debut as Edgbaston wicket turns selection in spinner's favour

England poised to pitch in Patel

ENGLAND are preparing to award three new caps at Edgbaston today as the Cornhill Test match summer begins on a pitch believed by all concerned to bear no relation to its neighbour, con-demned last July by Michael Atherton, the England captain, as the worst he has seen after West Indies had won a brief, but brutal, contest inside

The largest gathering on the ground yesterday was to be found peering at the surface prepared by Steve Rouse, the Warwickshire groundsman. its startling, two-tone appearance of a year ago has been replaced by one of light grass cover, patchier than England would consider ideal now it is they who have the weight of fast bowling but certainly not a pitch to intimidate. Atherton pronounced that it

John Woodcock Ward lifts Kent

looked "a reasonable deck" but also indicated that it was not quite what had been expected. "We're more inclined to play a spinner than we were before we arrived. It is looking increasingly proba-ble," he said. This was good news for Min Patel and, consequently, for Ronnie Irani, but deflating for John Crawley, who looks sure to miss out along with a specialist seam bowler.

With Patel, the left-arm spinner from Kent, included to exploit the cracks in the pitch and the monopoly of Indian right-handers, Irani, the Essex all-rounder, will play his first Test at No 6. Chris Lewis seems assured of his place, with Atherton musing that the bowler to drop out will be Alan Mulially, who

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Atherton, the England captain, takes time out during a strenuous session in the nets yesterday to study a video of his own batting form before today's first Test

would be the third new cap, or

One reason, tactical privacy aside, why Atherton could not be more specific was the unusual absence on the day before a Test match of the chairman of selectors, Raymond Illingworth. Nobody was entirely sure why he had stayed away (though Atherton

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22 Plant, seed eaten as veg. (3)

16 Arbiter (6) 18 Leonard Marx (5)

Large vase (3)

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of an embittered, fatalistic man, it might have been as well that he did. Atherton and his friend. David Lloyd, the coach, appear to be smoothly in control of team affairs but, as both are aware, it is important not to get carried away. Some of the plaudits hurled in Lloyd's direction have been No 801 in association with proportionate to

> Texaco Trophy. Lloyd knows as much. He is good for the players, no ques-tion, but should not be burdened with overblown praise. and thereby inflated expectation, almost before he has his feet under the table. As Atherton said: "It's easy to be bubbly when you are winning

achievement of winning the

irreverently suggested he

might be doing a book signing) but as Illingworth comes

before the disciplinary com-

mittee of the Test and County

Cricket Board next Wednes-

day and the impression grows

games. Our priority now is to win a Test series. So it should be. England

have beaten only New Zealand since 1990, which was when they last met India at home. The decisive victory in that series was secured by the captain, Graham Gooch. making 333 at Lord's. His successor is in the mood for something similarly influential and was fascinated that the spread bookmakers, Sporting Index believe he will face 360-385 "dot balls" in the three Tests. "I'm going to have

to play a long innings," he He is likely to do so, as are some of the less accomplished England batsmen, for whom this short series represents an inviting opportunity to establish themselves. Nick Knight and Nasser Hussain have the advantage of residency, now. and it will be disappointing. not least to themselves. if

side by an Indian attack that ranks among the friendlier of modern Test cricket.

Their team includes three specialist seam bowlers and two spinners. Sunil Joshi is the first player to score 500 runs and take 50 wickets during a season in the Ranji Trophy.

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India's first-class competition. He is one of four players making their debuts, the most India have fielded for almost 50 years, but the figure is exaggerated by their paucity

of recent Test cricket. Since December 1994, India have played only three Tests against New Zealand, and two of those were victims of rain. "I'm not going to say it's a disadvantage because I won't accept excuses," Mohammed Azharuddin, the captain, said. We must not worry about conditions, weather or anything else. If we are to play minds, it is as simple as that."

England will be applying their minds to ignoring the memories of last year; the public is not yet trying. Despite generally good advance sales, fewer than 5,000 tickets have been sold for Sunday, presumably because people want to be sure the game will

Ferdinand injury provokes forward thinking

By OLIVER HOLT

SO FRAUGHT have the controversies racking the Eng-land football squad been over the last ten days that reports emanating from their training camp yesterday about worry-ing injuries were treated al-most as light relief. The furore over damage to a Cathay Pacific plane may have abated but concerns over the fragility of the players on whom England's hopes of success in the European championship rest are just beginning.

The squad trained behind closed doors at their Bisham Abbey headquarters in Buckinghamshire yesterday, one session in the cool of the morning followed by another in the baking heat of the afternoon. With only three days to go until their opening game against Switzerland, they again had to work with-

out two key players.
Les Ferdinand, 29, the
Newcastle United striker, and
Gary Neville, the Manchester United defender, were forced to miss training for the second successive day. On Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries - a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Nev-

ille - were niggles that needed day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss but erdinand's chances of exerting any pressure on Alan Shearer and Teddy Sheringham, the two men deemed to be ahead of him in the pecking order of forwards, appear to be receding. His problem may be Robbie Fowler's opportuni-ty, bringing the likelihood of a place on the beach for the prolific Liverpool striker.

There was, though, a rare piece of good news for Terry Venables, the England coach, yesterday, when Tony Adams, who was dogged by injury for much of the latter part of last season and missed training on Tuesday with a calf strain, played a full part in both sessions.

Adams said he was certain he could withstand the physical demands that the tournament will place upon him. "I am just taking no chances." he said. "I am fit and ready to

MORSE

Donis jets in to sign three-year deal with Blackburn

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

GEORGIOS DONIS, the right winger whose speed and trickery have attracted interest from several leading Euro-pean football clubs, has joined Blackburn Rovers, of the FA

Carling Premiership.

Donis, 26, who helped Panathinaikos to reach the semi-finals of the European Cup last season and who has won 27 caps, arrived at Ewood Park yesterday and agreed a three-year contract before re-turning to Greece via Manchester airport. He was out of contract and available on a free transfer, which helped him to negotiate a salary believed to be in the region of £20,000 a week.

"I am proud and excited to be making this move," Donis said. "Blackburn is a very

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good club and it is a very good offer."

Tony Parkes, the Blackburn assistant manager, said: "We have watched him over several months, involving matches right across Europe. He is exceptionally quick and we feel we have made an excellent

Alan Sugar, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman who was involved in a bitter dispute with the Football Association 18 months ago, will today attempt to win a place on the FA council.

Sugar, who successfully fought an FA Cup ban and 12point deduction for the club's financial irregularities, is one of seven candidates bidding for five places on the council.

With the opening match of
Euro 96 only two days away. Uefa yesterday issued a series of guidelines to players and

officials aimed largely at pre-venting crowd trouble. Referees have been told to punish anyone who "overcelebrates" goals, with players instructed "not to act provocatively". Winning teams have been banned from laps of honour, the governing body of European football dictating that those who "wish to salute their supporters ... should do so from the centre circle". Referees have also been instructed to "severely purish any player guilty of misconduct or rough play".

either is dislodged from the Dr no adds to Derby confusion

BY RICHARD EVANS NACING CORRESPONDENT

DR MASSINI, recently promoted to favourite for the Vodafone Derby on Saturday, looks certain to miss the race after succumbing to injury yet again. The unbeaten colt was discovered to be lame vesterday morning with a poisoned foot and "is unlikely to be able to run". Michael Stoute, his trainer, said from New-

> Dr Massini did not run as a two-year-old because of imma-ture bones and his long-awaited debut was put back horse had suffered more than

further when he had an infect-ed tooth root followed by a cut to his hock.

When he finally made it to a racecourse last month, he won both starts impressively, only to suffer from lameness two weeks ago, although he recovered from this. "I am choked." Michael Tabor, the former bookmaker

whose colours Dr Massini carries, said from his Monaco home yesterday after hearing of the latest setback. "He has got pus in a foot and I very

his fair share of problems, with injury after injury, some people were sceptical. Unforiunately, it has been borne out by events today and it is very upsetting. Hopefully, the horse will prove his worth in

the future. The run-up to this year's Derby has been dominated by injuries to leading fancies. including Dushyantor, the new 7-2 favourite. The Henry Cecil-trained colt suffers from quarter-cracks to his feet and has nine screws in three of his

The spate of injuries has not been confined to horses. Rav Cochrane, who had been due to ride Double Leaf, another Stoute-trained runner, in the Derby and Mezzogiorno in the Oaks will miss the meeting and could be out for a month after dislocating a shoulder in a fall during the Swedish 2,000 Guineas in Stockholm

on Tuesday. Michael Kinane, who had been due to ride Dr Massini, has been offered the ride on Double Leaf but there is increasing speculation that he might opt instead for Storm Trooper, trained by Cecil.

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Bridge plan gambit for Czech mates

he parting words, via his interpret-er, from Dusan Uhrin, the coach of the Czech Republic team, were "Please remember this is a practice game, a friendly. We're playing Germany next week." Tonight, his team takes on Bamber Bridge, champions of the Uni-Bond League, as part of the Republic's preparations for Euro 96. "There's no such thing as a friendly

game, to be honest," Rus Rigby, the Bamber Bridge groundsman, said yester-day, "but don't worry, there'll be no sliding tackles. Our captain, Jez Baldwin, can be a bit physical, but he's been told to

calm things down."

It will be something of a culture shock nonetheless. On Sunday, the Czechs will be playing Germany at the Old Trafford theatre of dreams". Tonight, they will perform against semi-professionals at Irongate on a pitch that, six years ago, was a farmer's field, bought by "The Brig" for just £3,000. All 2,300 tickets have been sold, which means that a fifth of the expanding Lancashire village's population will be there.

Mel Gainer is swooning over the prospect. He is Bamber Bridge born and bred, watched his brother play in goal for them 30 years ago and has been with the club as player, and now first-team assistant manager, for 22 years. He will lead the team out tonight. "I still can't believe Alyson Rudd on the football minnows keen to tackle the

biggest match in their history

this is happening." Gainer, a lorry driver, who is taking the day off work, said. "I'd love to find out if the England players feel this kind of fervour." There will be a brass band, local

dignitaries have been invited, and the



UniBond League winners Bamber Bridge hope to celebrate again

national anthems will be played. For Bamber Bridge, the game-plan is simple "I told the players to put a smile on their face and to wear their shirt with pride." Gainer said. Beyond that, Bamber Bridge will attempt the neat passing game that helped them to win the UniBond League last season. Promotion to the Vauxhall Conference has been denied - they need to build a new stand

first — but the revenue generated tonight might help a little. Tickets are £5. £1.50 more expensive than usual.

At first, Rigby thought it was all a joke.

"We got a phone call out of the blue and I didn't know what Euro 96 was," he said. Bamber Bridge have worked night and day to ensure that the event runs smoothly, that the pitch is rut-free, and

that their their team has kit. The players gave away their shirts to the fans at the end of the season," Gainer said. Bamber Bridge's red second strip clashes, so they will play in brand new white shirts bought for the occasion.

It is the stuff of dreams, and you cannot blame the Bamber Bridge staff for dreaming further. "If the result goes our way will the big clube result goes our

way, will the big clubs come in for me?" Gainer asked. Nigel Webster, the club's football executive, said: "If we win tonight and the Czechs win Euro 96, then we would have achieved something. wouldn't we." He sounded confident, too.

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Tory doctors form covert campaign to back NHS reforms

By Andrew Pierce, Political correspondent

DOCTORS sympathetic to the the summer it is planning a - Tory party have set up a covert campaign to promote the Govemment's health reforms in the run-up to the general

The NHS Network, which does not disclose any political affiliations, was set up with the support of Conservative Central Office by Michael Goldsmith, one of the architects of the health service's internal market. Dr Goldsmith, vice-chair-

man of the Conservative Medical Society, who is the chief officer of the Sedgwick Insurance Group. reports to Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary. The NHS Network has 20

regional co-ordinators and 1,000 members, including nurses, doctors, NHS managers and hospital trust chairmen. They write to local newspapers, take part in radio phone-ins, suggest positive media coverage on medical breakthroughs and address public meetings. They do not disclose their membership of

Conservative Central Office was the driving force behind the venture, which is funded by £50,000 a year from an anonymous benefactor. Baroness Seccombe, a Tory Party vice-chairman responible for promoting women's issues, is the group's president. Over

media offensive to try to extol the virtues of GP fundholding. Yesterday Dr Goldsmith

said: "We do not ask our members about their political affiliation. If I had to guess I would say most are sympa-thetic to the Tory party. Anyone can join as long as they support the reforms. We are not run by the Tory party. We are encouraged by it, which does not make us a secret society. We will be campaigning in the summer but I am not prepared to disclose our

The NHS Network is based in an office in Roehampton, west London, and has appointed a part-time administrator. Dr Goldsmith, who is based in Northampton, worked in the NHS until 1981 and has been an adviser to six successive health secretaries.

He said: "We are network of people in the health service who have been mobilised to convey a positive message about the changes. We do not spell out our political affili-ation. We just take people to task when they argue that the NHS is being destroyed by the Government. It is not. It has been streamlined into an efficient organisation which is

caring for more people.

"Health will be a key electoral battleground in the runup to the election. Labour will

Cash gets Europe rebellion under way

By Andrew Pierce POLITICAL COILIES PONDENT

MORE Tory divisions on Europe will be exposed next week when at least 50 MPs are expected to rebel against the Government and vote for referendum on Britain's future in Europe.

be fighting hard. We will be in

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Dr Goldsmith said that it

would be unrealistic to expect

NHS Network members to

disclose their affiliation when

speaking to the media. "It

would not be right to do so

because the network is not a

political forum but a gather-

ing of committed medical pro-

fessionals with a shared

interest in making the service

In the past members have

ntervened after a hostile Au-

dit Commission report on GP

fundholders, and over nurses

The Tories became em-broiled in controversy at the last election when it was

disclosed that a similar organ-

isation, NHS Task Force, was

being run from within Conser-

vative Central Office by a

former ministerial special ad-

viser who was a paid party

employee. The Tory party does

not provide any resources for

Labour promised yesterday

that it would not rid NHS

trust boards of Tory political

appointees and fill them with

Labour councillors. In a Fabi-

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Milburn, a health spokesman.

said that Labour would make

appointments on merit rather

than political patronage.

the NHS Network.

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The Referendum Bill, published yesterday, will be introduced in the Commons on Tuesday by the Euro-sceptic MP Bill Cash, under the tenminute rule. It is endorsed by Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party in a full-page advertisement in The Times

The former minister John Redwood is planning talks with Mr Cash about the Bill, which stops short of calling for withdrawal from Europe. Voters are asked instead to say "yes" or "no" to the question: "Do you want the UK to propose and insist on irreversible changes in the Treaty on European Union so that the UK retains its powers of government and is not part of a federal Europe nor part of a European monetary union, including a single currency?

The Referendum Party, which plans to field up 600 candidates at the general election, says in its advertisement that the Bill addresses the "fundamental national issue": should the UK, as a continuing member of the EU, be part of a European federal superstate or a Europe of nations? "Electors have never been granted a choice. The



vernment is not credible when it argues that there will be no federal Europe so long as it's in power."

Mr Cash, who claims to have cross-party support, wants the referendum to be held before the conclusion of the inter-governmental conference on the Maastricht treaty in September 1997. He has not ruled out the Goldsmith option of a referendum

on polling day.
The diplomatic war with Europe over beef is expected to swell support for the Bill. The former whipless rebels met Mr Cash yesterday and pledged their backing.

The Bill is expected to attract support similar to that Smith's proposed curb on the European Court, which was backed by 66 Tories. Mr Duncan Smith, one of the most respected Euro-sceptics, said: "I will support the Cash Bill. It is a sensible measure."

But a senior pro-Europe Tory said: "The Referendum Bill may avoid the question of staying in or out but it is an attempt at withdrawal from Europe by the backdoor."

Peer tries to calm judicial dispute

BY JAMES LANDALS

LABOUR tried vesterday to calm the growing dispute be-tween the Government and the judiciary, calling for selfrestraint from both sides.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Shadow Lord Chancellor, said there was rising public concern over the "unprecedented antagonism* between judges and ministers as both sides accused the other of encroaching on their powers. But he supported ministers by warning judges against attacking government policy in public.

"I think judges would be wise to confine themselves to controversy about the administration of justice," he told the House of Lords. "If they engage more extensively in political controversy, they risk undermining public confi-dence in their political impartiality."
He said he had no wish to

censor judges, but added: "It is only if that self-restraint is displayed on both sides that the public will have confidence that the separation of powers is alive and working well." His remarks follow recent

criticism by several judges of Michael Howard's mandatory sentencing reforms. They have accused the Home Secretary of usurping powers that should lie with the courts.

At the same time, Mr How-ard has attacked recent court judgments that have overturned decisions he had made under statutory and preroga-

Crude.

Referendum Bill dodges only question that counts

he Tory Euro-sceptics are trying to have it for a Europe of independent nations without admitting the inevitable consequences. Their demands go well be-yond resisting further integration or opposing British participation in monetary union. The sceptics want to repatriate existing powers of EU institutions by unilateral decisions such as the imposition of a fishing limit around Britain or making Parliament supreme over the rulings of the European Court of Justice. But these demands involve much more than Britain being on the outer tier of a multi-tier EU. They are really about whether Britain stays in the EU.

That is why Bill Cash's Bill on a referendum on Europe to be debated under the 10 minute rule procedure next Tuesday - is flawed. He has been consistent, and persistent, in his argument that the Maastricht treaty has already created what he terms "federal" arrangements, and these must now be renegotiated. The British opt-in/opt-out on monetary union is not enough, he argues. So a clear therefore needed to determine Britain's negotiating position on the inter-governmental conference.

In a latter to fellow MPs, Mr Cash misrepresents the results of a MORI poll in The Times last week. He says the poll showed that "60 per cent actively oppose a federal

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Europe and all this involves. Only 15 per cent support one." The poli did not ask about a federal Europe. What it did ask was a series of questions about specific proposals for closer integration. Mr Cash has picked the question showing the greatest opposition, about the transfer of more powers to the European Parliament from individual national parlaiemtns. Oppostion to other proposals, such as a Supreme Court of Europe and even a single currency, is generally much smaller.

Moreover, the Bill has been sloppily drafted. In his eagerparticipating in or campaign, Mr Cash has got in a muddle over electoral law. Clause 6 (1) says "no person. body or organisation involved in the referendum campaign shall be entitled to expend or provide sums of money from any sources which exceeds the amount which would be allowed by law if the referendum campaign were a general election". But there are no legal restrictions on spending in national campaigns. The only limits apply to spending on behalf of an individual candidate in a constituency. which are irrelevant to a

national referendum. Contrary to the longstanding Tory opposition to state funding, the Bill also proposes that the taxpayer should

partly finance the rival campaigns, though both the amounts and the criteria for grants are vague. New controls are also proposed on coverage by the broadcasters to ensure "full impartiality and relevance".

The real weakness in the Bill is the proposed question - "do you want the UK to propose and insist on inteversble changes in the treaty on European Union, so that the UK retains its powers of government and is not part of a federal Europe nor part of a European monetary union. including a single currency? The Government has already promised a referendum on a single currency. The rest of the question amounts to a general and confusing, demand for a renegotiation of Britain's memvership of he EU. But like the other sceptics, Mr Cash is reluctant to pose the underlying question of whether Britain stays

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in or gets out of the EU. s last week's MORI poll showed, there is still a small majority for British membership. This is despite the beef confrontation which threatens to be a quagmire for the Major Government. The real choice facing Britain is whether to remain in the EU and reach the compromises which that entails, or whether to leave, as the sceptics' demands imply. That is the only genuine question for a referendum.

PETER RIDDELL

Ashdown champions the poor

By ALICE THOMSON

PADDY ASHDOWN promised to make the Liberal Demorats the "voice of the underclass" yesterday when he announced his party's proposed 50p top rate of tax.

Mr Ashdown, the party leader, said that raising tax on incomes of more than £100,000 would enable the Government to take up to 750,000 people on low incomes out of taxation altogether.

The proposal is the main piece of the party's new Helping Hand programme of tax and benefit reforms aimed at breaking the poverty trap. In a challenge to Labour.

which has consistently refused to spell out its tax plans, he said the Liberal Democrats were offering a "clear, costed, committed" programme.

Mr Ashdown warned Tony Blair of the dangers of political "timidity" - going into the election unwilling to be the voice of the poor. We are determined that we will provide that voice," he said. "We provide a sharp contrast with Labour's hands-off approach to people let down, left out and left behind."

Labour MPs join fight against PR

By James Landale, Political Reporter

ROY HATTERSLEY and Gerald Kaufman launched a national campaign by Labour MPs against electoral reform yesterday. The two former Labour

ministers say that their experience in the Lib-Lab pact of the late 1970s convinced them that coalition government - an inevitable result of proportional representation (PR) did not work

More than 100 Labour MPs have joined the First Past the Post Group, which supports present constituencybased voting system. They are sending letters and leaflets to local Labour parties, the trade unions, and the public to argue their case against PR.

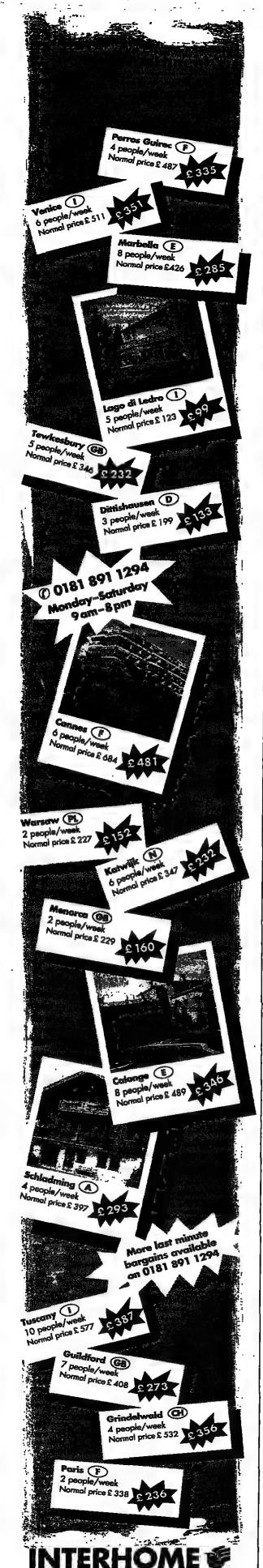
Tony Blair has committed Labour to holding a referendum on PR but the party leader said recently that he has yet to be convinced of its

merits. Although there are many types of PR, each party would get the number of MPs in Parliament that most closely represents their share of the vote. As such, smaller parties such as the Liberal Demo-

crats, the most ardent advocates of PR, would have more MPs than now. If Tony Blair entered any agreement with the Liberal Democrats after the general election, he might be forced to give ground

towards some form of PR. The new group argues that PR would give small, extremist parties "undue access to power", destroy the relationship between MPs and their constituents, and lead to weak coalition governments. They also admit openly that PR would cut the number of

Labour MPs.
Mr Hattersley said: "Groups which commanded a small proportion of the popular vote would hold the major parties to ransom. I joined the Labour Party to change the nature of society. That objective cannot be achieved by a coalition government."



Holiday houses. Holiday apartments.



Yassir Arafat, left, President Mubarak of Egypt, centre, and King Husain of Jordan, arrive at the resort of Aqaba for a summit yesterda

Britain warns Netanyahu not to crush Palestinian hopes

part of what has to be

discussed and agreed upon between parties, if we are to

have a lasting peace." Mr

in his controversial address

last month, Mr Rifkind openly

welcomed the decision by the

Israeli Labour Party to drop

from its election platform its

opposition to the formation of

which many Israeli commen-

tators have since claimed played a part in Mr Peres's

at the Red Sea port of Aqaba, Mr Arafat repeated his belief that there will be a Palestinian

state, despite the victory of Mr

Yesterday after the summit

Palestinian state - a move

Hanley added.

By Christopher Walke Middle East Correspondent

BRITAIN yesterday warned Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's hardline Prime Minister-elect, that Israeli hopes for lasting peace with the Arabs would fail, if he trampled on Palestinian aspirations for statehood.

The blunt warning, just two days after John Major hosted Yassir Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority, at 10 Downing Street, was delivered in Cairo by Jeremy Hanley, Foreign Office Minister for Hong Kong and the Middle East.

"Never say never, otherwise you are not going to have a comprehensive, just and agreed solution which people can settle upon in the long term." he said, commenting on Mr Netanyahu's campaign pledge never to permit a Palestinian state to be established on the former land of British-mandated Palestine.

"Do not rule out by saying 'no statehood, never' because that cuts out proper negotiation and discussion. You should not remove the legitimate aspirations of individuals ahead of negotiations," Mr Hanley added.

His remarks were seen as amplification of a speech made during the election campaign by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary. Mr Rifkind infuriated many Israelis by declaring that Israel could not unilaterally impose an agreement on the Palestinians and accusing it of maintaining a "military occupation" in annexed east Jerusalem.

Mr Hanley was speaking as three Arab leaders — PresiJerusalem: The Israeli Supreme Court yesterday upheld Binyantin Netanyahu's narrow election victory (Christopher Walker writes). It rejected a motion to include blank ballots in the final tally, which would have entailed a new election, because it would have meant that the Likud leader had not won the required 50 per cent of the vote.

The final twist in the knife-edge poll came when the fivejudge panel rejected a petition demanding that the blank ballots should be counted. It ruled that Israel's election law clearly stated that a blank ballot was spoiled. One of the petitioners had argued: "Tens of thousands of blank ballots were cast by people who did not support either candidate and wished to register a protest. To ignore their vote is not only illegal, but also undemocratic."

dent Mubarak of Egypt, King Husain of Jordan and Mr Arafat — held a summit to coordinate reaction to the Netanyahu election victory. The meeting led Mr Hanley to praise Mr Mubarak for his efforts to "gather opinion constructively" from other Arab

leaders before passing judg-

ment on Mr Netanyahu. An

Egyptian, Syrian and Saudi Arabian summit is scheduled for this weekend.

The Palestinians fear that Mr Netanyahu will stick by campaign pledges and refuse to discuss the final status of Jerusalem, as laid down in the 1993 peace accord signed in

Washington.

They also fear that he will delay the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the West Bank city of Hebron, which was initially agreed by the defeated Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, for June 12.

Peres, for June 12.

"Do not say we will never discuss the status of Jerusalem." Mr Hanley pleaded at a news conference that appeared certain to increase the strain on Anglo-Israeli relations sparked by Mr Rifkind's outspoken speech last month.

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a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital," Mr Arafat told a news conference given by the three leaders. At that point, King Husain interrupted the Palestinian leader to add that Jordan will

At that point, King Husain interrupted the Palestinian leader to add that Jordan will never be a substitute homeland for the Palestinians — a notion often floated by the Likud Party on the basis that more than one-half of the desert kingdom's population of nearly four million is Palestinian.

Netanyahu's Likud Party. Sooner or later, there will be

Although the summit was intended to convey an image of Arab solidarity in the face of Israel's election upset, the absence of Syria — still at odds with the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Jordan over their willingness to cut separate peace deals with Israel — was a reminder of the divisions which remain in the Arab camp.

Yesterday the daily Bagh-

dad Observer, a mouthpiece for President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, gave a warning of popular revolts among Arabs whose leaders have signed peace treaties with Israel. "This humiliating policy of some Arab rulers is creating a

sense of resentment among the vast majority of Arab masses," the paper said. "This in turn will breed violence". In a surprise overture to Syria, run by a rival wing of the Baath Party, the paper

said that, after the Netanyahu victory, Syria and Iraq should abandon their differences and confront Israel's threats. "To counter renewed Zionist challenges, Syrian-Iraqi rela-

"To counter renewed Zionist challenges, Syrian-Iraqi relations should be normalised and restored as a vital and necessary step," it added.



Hanley: there must be

A KEY adviser to Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister-elect, says the new Likud Government will be better able to secure peace in the Middle East than the last Labour administration. Dore Gold, a leading strategic analyst, is expected to be formally appointed soon as a

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Dore Gold, a leading strategic analyst, is expected to be formally appointed soon as a foreign policy adviser to Mr Netanyahu. He disputed the common wisdom that the peace process would collapse under a Likud-led administration. Dr Gold was speaking after making the first official contact since the poll between Likud and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Dr Gold said that a mechanism would be created to forge contacts between Israel and the PLO once Mr Netanyahu has formed a coalition. "People should be aware of the record of conservative governments around the world in securing peace," he said. Examples included the Reagan Administration's record in bringing the Cold War to any end. "Here in the Middle Easawe have the example of the Likud Government under Menachem Begin, who reached a peace treaty with

Egypt." Dr Gold said.

He said a Likud Government would be stronger than a Labour one in taking the PLO to task over violations of the peace accord. Since Labour had initiated the deal it had trouble dealing with violations, he added. A government which had not started the process would have fewer problems than one which had "so much political capital in-

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As for the possibility of peace between Israel and Arab states such as Syria, Dr Gold said: "I live by a simple axiom—one cannot expect that peace between Israel and the Arab states would be any greater than it is between the Arab states themselves."

Marwan Kanafani, spokesman for Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian President, said: "I think the President is surprised [by Mr Netanyahu's victory] but he is determined to co-operate with any person directed by the Israelis to occupy the office of Prime Minister."

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Republicans hope · to sink Clinton in wave of scandal

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON was rife with charge and counter-charge vesterday as Republicans strove to smother the Clinton White House with scandals. Senate Whitewater committee Republicans accused their

Democratic colleagues of a cover-up after they refused to grant David Hale, a former Arkansas financier and Clinion foe, immunity from prosecution if he testified about various financial shenanigans in Little Rock when Mr Clinton was Governor.

Among other things, Mr Hale claims Mr Clinton pressured him to make an illegal \$300,000 (£193,000) loan to his partners in the Whitewater Development Company from government-insured funds earmarked for the economically disadvantaged. William Clinger, Republi-

William Clinger, Republi-tan chairman of the House "Travelgate" committee, ac-cused the White House of illegally using the FBI to smear one of the seven members of the White House Travel Office in order to justify their controversial 1993 dismissals. He produced a subpoenaed document showing that Bernard Nussbaum, the former White House counsel. requested and obtained FBI files on Billy Dale, the Office head, seven months after his dismissal.

Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, flourished an article in the conservative American Spectator claiming the White House delayed announcing the death of Ron Brown, the Commerce Secretary, in an April plane crash until incrimmating papers covering his financial dealings were re-



Clinton: well ahead of Dole in polls

moved from his office. The White House furiously denied the charge.

The mystery of Hillary Clinton's lost-and-found legal records was deepened by the release of an FBI fingerprint analysis which Kenneth Starr. the Whitewater special prosecutor, ordered in an attempt to discover who concealed the subpoenaed documents for two years before they were inexplicably found on a table in the Clintons' private

The FBI identified two of the First Lady's fingerprints on the documents, which detailed her work for Madison Guaranty, the corrupt Arkansas bank at the heart of the Whitewater affair. It also identified prints belonging to Vincent Foster, the deputy White House counsel who killed himself in 1993; Carolyn

Clinton who found the documents on the table; and three other lowly figures who worked either for Mrs Clinton's former law firm or the Clintons' private lawyer in Washington. A White House spokesman said the analysis "completely undermines" Republican claims that the three Clinton aides who searched Mr Foster's office after his suicide illegally spirited away the documents. The FBI found none of their prints. Mr Gingrich predicted during a private meeting of Re-

would cost Mr Clinton the White House. But a new poll for The New York Times showed Mr Clinton enjoys a 19-point lead over Bob Dole, his Republican challenger.

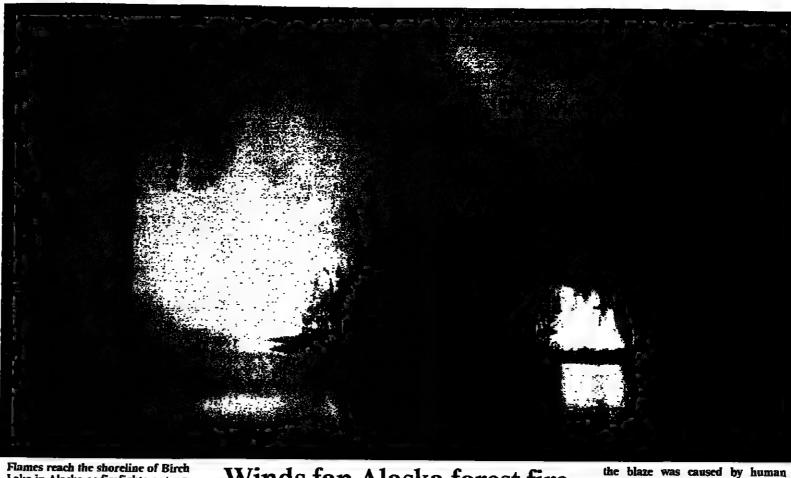
Roosevelt wins: Hall Delano Roosevelt, 36, grandson of former President Roosevelt, has won a seat on the Long Beach City Council's fourth

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William Rees-Mogg, page 20

officials said. (Reuter)

district in California, election



Lake in Alaska as firefighters struggled in gusty winds to stop the spread of a 6.000-acre blaze that has forced the evacuation of up to 1,000 residents from communities north of

Tony Knowles, the Governor, declared the fire zone a disaster area and asked the state legislature and the federal Government for emergency money to help those who lost

Winds fan Alaska forest fire

homes and to continue fighting the fire raging in America's largest state. The blaze began on Sunday in a popular recreation area and was held to 68 acres until winds fanned it out of control late on Monday, said Gary Lehnhausen of the state's

Division of Forestry. Winds continued to feed the flames, and by Tuesday a massive wall of grey smoke was visible from Anchorage, 50 miles to the south, Between 50 and 100 homes have been destroyed so far.

Firefighters have discovered evidence of campfires and fireworks near the point where the blaze originated - signs, they believe, that

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activity. Damage is estimated at \$28 million (£18 million).

Wild fires are common in the late spring and summer in Alaska, although they generally hit unpopulated areas and are allowed to burn themselves out. By Tuesday, 343 fires throughout the state bad burned over some 25,000 acres, the Alaska Interagency Fire Co-ordination

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Old theatre moving with Times Square

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as Times Square is transformed from a tawdry redight district into an entertainright mecca for tourists.

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he scheme to move the 93year-old Empire is the most ambitious engineering feat in the wholesale redevelopment of the "Street of Dreams", which had fallen prey to violence and pornography.

Forest City Ratner Companies, the developer building the new cineplex, is moving the Empire because it takes up

DEVELOPERS plan to pick too much space, yet cannot be up and move a 750-seat theatre demolished because it is a protected building. The theatre, which closed in the mid-1980s after a spell as a cinema. will be raised off its foundations and put on steel rails for its journey.

In its new position, the theatre, which has a lavish interior with Greek, Roman Egyptian motits, wil serve as the entrance and lobby of the cinema complex.

Just vards away will be a new waxwork museum planned for 42nd Street by Madame Tussaud's. Disney is renovating the New Amsterdam Theatre on the same block to stage big musicals based on its





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Ciller: faces investigation into her personal wealth

Such a move would send shock waves throughout Nato, and could call into question the pro-Western policies and orientation that have

promised to support a no-confidence motion against Mr Yilmaz, to be tabled in parliament on Saturday by Necmettin Erbakan,

investigate the sources of Mrs Ciller's personal wealth. All this week there have been

push Mrs Ciller into a corner, but Turkey's "Iron Lady" is as much a fighter as her role model, Margaret

defence planning committee that there are not enough parliamentary votes to extend it.

observer said: "Turkish politics is a game of chess which nobody knows how to play properly."

Gorbachev revels in limelight on the campaign trail

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN KAZAN, RUSSIA

AS THE instantly recog-nisable balding head of Mikhail Gorbachev piloted a course through the crowd, the packed hall at the Kazan Technical University broke into whistles and applause. About 600 people were

jammed in, standing in the aisles and sitting on top of each other under the stern gaze of a portrait of the university's rectors.

"I attribute immense importance to this election campaign." Mr Gorbachev said from the lectern. "You are under a complete information blockade." The excited reception for the former Soviet President in Kazan, 500 miles east of Moscow, belies the idea that he is universally hated in Russia. But for many he is just

"I am in shock," said Alsu, a young secretary. "I have seen Mikhail Gorbachev in the flesh." Yevgeni Shukin, a middle-aged engineer who accuses Mr Gorbachev of indecisive-ness, said: "People have come to see the man of mystery. He is a good man, but this

country needs a tough man."

Despite very low poll ratings, Mr Gorbachev is clearly enjoying the campaign. After "political exile" following his abrupt exit from high office in 1991, he has a chance to put his

side of the argument. Their main tactic is to shut Gorbachev up, and that is why I am travelling." he told The Times. "The auditoriums are always full, I answer questions for two or three hours. I am live on local television, and in places where state television does not let me. on air I am on private channels. So Gorbachev's glasnost munist leader, and all other is working."

The man who delivers fourhour speeches is not contrite. He answered each question for ten or 15 minutes, often straying from the topic to touch the same point: how he had sought to keep the Soviet Union together in 1991 but had been foiled by Boris Yeltsin on the one hand and the August coup plotters on the other; and how he had set out on a course of gradual reform which had

been wrecked by Mr Yeltsin. He was besieged with ques-tions about his hugely unpopular anti-alcohol campaign of 1985 and 1986, when vodka



disappeared from the shops. It had been carried out "idiotically". Mr Gorbachev conceded, but the principles had been right because drunkenness was destroying Russian industry. He turned over the next written question: "How much will a bottle of vodka cost?"

The hall erupted in laughter. The former President now firmly identifies himself with what he calls the "democratic movement". The campaign has been made into a trap, he says, in which voters are being told there are only two candidates, President Yeltsin and Gennadi Zyuganov, the Com-

votes are wasted. As far as he was concerned, "it is the difference between two shoes, a left one and a right one. They both belong to the Communist

A touch of venom entered his voice when he talked about Mr Yeltsin, who ejected him from the Kremlin in December 1991. Their rivalry dates from 1987 when Mr Gorb-achev dismissed Mr Yeltsin as head of the Moscow Communist Party, although he gave him a government job and let him to stay in the capital. He was asked how he would have treated Mr Yeltsin then, knowing what later developed. " would have sent him to Africa!" Mr Gorbachev cried.

He clearly over-estimates the effect his campaign is having. Opinion polls have not given him more than 2 per cent of the vote, which would put him in seventh or eighth pisce in a field of 11 on June 16. Workers and pensioners can-not forgive him for "destroy-ing the Soviet Union".

That we are here at all is all due to Gorbachev," argued Gabit Rusa, who runs a local Muslim charity and is that rare phenomenon - a committed Gorbachev voter. "We should put up a statue to him. but it will take people 20 years

MΓ Gorbachev When emerged on to the sunny street, an old lady pushed her granddaughter through the crowds to catch a glimpse of the elder statesman. A dozen cameras clicked and policemen cracked jokes. For them it was a relaxing assignment before President Yeltsin hits Kazan on Sunday.



A young Yeltsin supporter holding up a poster of the Russian leader with the slogan "Our President" outside the parliament in Moscow yesterday

Briton in line for top Australian police job

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE

PETER RYAN, 52, a Briton who has emerged as frontrunner for Australia's top police job, Commissioner for moving to a force where more than 200 officers have criminal records, it emerged

South Wales Police Minister, sturned the state parliament with the disclosure that so many officers in the 13.000strong force have serious crim-

Mr Whelan said: "There are too many police with serious criminal convictions still serving in the New South Wales police service. The community has a right to expect the highest possible standards

He said they had managed to avoid dismissal through "complex and convoluted" appeals, and because the process of removing them was time-

The disclosure looks set to damage further the integrity of the state force, which is already reeling from an inves-tigation over the past year by a Royal Commission which uncovered widespread corruption and misconduct and led to the resignation of several senior officers. Many hope that the appointment of an outsider such as Mr Ryan to head the force will help to restore

the Police Staff College at

Bramshill, Hampshire.

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New South Wales, would be yesterday. Paul Whelan, the New

inal convictions: their offences include drug dealing, posses-sion of explosives, malicious injury and sex crimes.

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public confidence. Mr Ryan began his career as a constable in Lancashire, moved to the Metropolitan Police in 1983 and later became Chief Constable of Norfolk. He is currently head of

Nigerians protest at

Lagos: Thousands of Nigera-ans demonstrated yesterday over the killing of the wife of Chief Moshood Abiola, the detained opposition leader. An opposition alliance called the shooting an assassination.

Kudirat Abiola, 44, the senior of Chief Abiola's several wives, was shot in her car in Lagos on Tuesday. Her driver also died. Nigeria has been in Juntar . . . crisis since former military rulers annulled a June 1993 election deemed to have been won by the chief, a millionaire businessman being held on treason charges. (Reuter)

Lesotho verdict

Maseru: A Scotland Yard inquiry into the death of Kine Moshoeshoe II of Lesotho, who died in a road accident, has concluded that the driver had been drinking and fell asleep at the wheel. (AFP)

Captain freed

Dar es Salaam: Tanzanian authorities have dropped murder charges against Jumanne Rume, captain of a ferry which sank on Lake Victoria killing hundreds of people. He was freed from prison. (Reuter)

New navy chief

Washington: Presiden Clinton appointed Admiral Jay Johnson, 50, a former fighter pilot, to be the new chief of the US Navy, succeeding Admiral suicide. (AFP)

Geologist killed

Manila: A Canadian geologist was killed when a helicopter surveying an Australian copper and gold-mining project was shot at by an unidentified gunman over Kasibu in the northern Philippines. (Reuter)

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Alcatraz ensures captive audience for premiere

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

AN INMATE once called it "the island of the living dead", but Hollywood turned Alcatraz into something livelier for the world premiere of Sean Connery's latest action extravaganza.

Taking the art of the publicity stunt to new extremes, the grim concrete exercise yard of the old "super-prison" in San Francisco Bay was turned into a tented screening room. The event, launching the summer run of Disney's The Rock in the face of stiff competition from other studios, brought new meaning to the term captive audience.

It also completed a strange transformation for the dreaded Alcatraz, which once held America's worst criminals J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI director, liked to say that "even dead men leave the Rock in

The bleak island is now San Francisco's most popular tour-ist attraction and a trendy corporate hospitality venue. A local banking executive recent-ly spent \$100,000 (£65,000) to host a dinner on Alcatraz. The Walt Disney Company spent much more than that converting the island into a cinema. but earned much-needed headlines in the process.

Rival studios have already set a furious pace in the seasonal dash for box-office supremacy. Twister (Warner Bros/Universal) and Mission Impossible (Paramount) have each taken more than \$100 million in their first lew days. The Rock may yet surpass both, thanks to good reviews, especially for Connery's costar, Nicolas Cage, who won this year's Best Actor Oscar. In another Hollywood drama, the makers of Striptease. in which Demi Moore appears naked, are wondering if they will ever recoup their investment. The film's release has been postponed a month while crucial scenes are reshot

was Showeirls. America appears tired of sex at the cinema. Showgirls promised a torrid expose of Las Vegas lap dancing but flopped embarrassingly last

in a hurried attempt to disas-

sociate it from the disaster that

Castle Rock Pictures is therefore trying to persuade test audiences that Striptease, for which Ms Moore was paid \$12 million (£7.7 million), is nothing like it. But viewers are reportedly failing to laugh when they find the film is now

being billed as a comedy. Other studios have taken note. They hope to recoup the losses of a dismal spring by staking everything on the one

genre in which Hollywood still leads the world: wholesome action adventures with no holds barred and prefera-

bly no kissing. Even as American audiences sit enthralled by the special effects of Twister and Tom Cruise's Mission Impossible, both among the sixth-fastest films of all time to break the \$100 million barrier at the box office, they are bracing themselves for more

of the same. With hardly a weekend's pause, viewers will be offered Arnold Schwarzenegger in Eraser, terrorists and ex-convicts in The Rock, alien spaceships 15 miles wide in Independence Day, and Keanu Reeves racing ice boats across frozen lakes in Chain

The films have a combined budget of nearly \$300 million, but barely a soft-focus smooth



Nícolas Cage, left, and Sean Connery in The Rock

Paris and Bonn edge closer on defence

By Ben Macintyre

FRANCE and Germany agreed to work on a document outlining joint defence policy at yesterday's Franco-German summit in Dijon, as President Chirac and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, sought to inject new warmth into the alliance following an unusually turbulent period.

In another signal of solidarity, they announced that they would hold an additional "friendly working session" in Paris this morning after flying back from the summit together last night. At their last meeting in

Bonn on May 10, the two leaders informally agreed to hold meetings every six weeks. The summits of the European Union and the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations this month are expected to top the agenda in today's talks. along with "mad cow disease". Paris and Bonn reaffirmed

their commitment to a numprojects in a further bid to show that recent tensions over defence policy have eased. The French decision last February to end conscription. move to a fully professional army by 2002, and limit defence spending raised fears in Bonn that Paris would

reduce orders for jointly produced weapons systems and shift its attention away from the defence of Central Europe. Charles Millon and Volker Rühe, the French and German Defence Ministers, said they would re-examine joint armaments projects with a view to reducing costs.

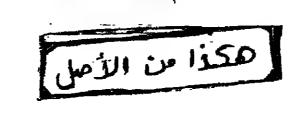
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French swimmers banned from Nazi routine at Olympics

From Ben Macintyre in paris

THE French Government yesterday banned the national synchronised swimming team from performing a programme depicting the horrors of the Nazi Holocaust at next month's Olympic Games in

The team's plan to have swimmers goose-step into the Olympic pool before performing a four-minute programme representing Jews being selected for the gas chambers at Auschwitz provoked a storm of protests from Jewish and anti-racist groups in France. Guy Drut, the Sports Minis-

er, stepped in last night and ordered the team to "remove any allusions to the tragedy of the Holocaust" since the danned routine contained hessages which could be misinterpreted".

In a separate but related now yesterday, the French Education Ministry suspended a school chemistry teacher who set a test question requiring pupils to calculate the amount of poison gas needed to kill Jewish victims of Nazi genocide.

The two unconnected events had both been condemned as offensive and tasteless by antiracist and Jewish groups who

Hong Kong: Adrian de Almeida, 18, a Cantonesc schoolboy, yesterday apolo-gised to Hong Kong's Jewish community for any offence caused by his sale of Nazi memorabilia in his city centre shop (Tom Walker writes). He said he

wanted only to do competitive business, not spread the idea of Nazism. War is being trivialised in France, thus promoting rac-

ism and encouraging "revi-

sionist" history. Several spectators objected to early viewings of the swimmers' performance although referees did not, Francis Luyce, the head of the French Swimming Federation, said. But he acknowledged: "We

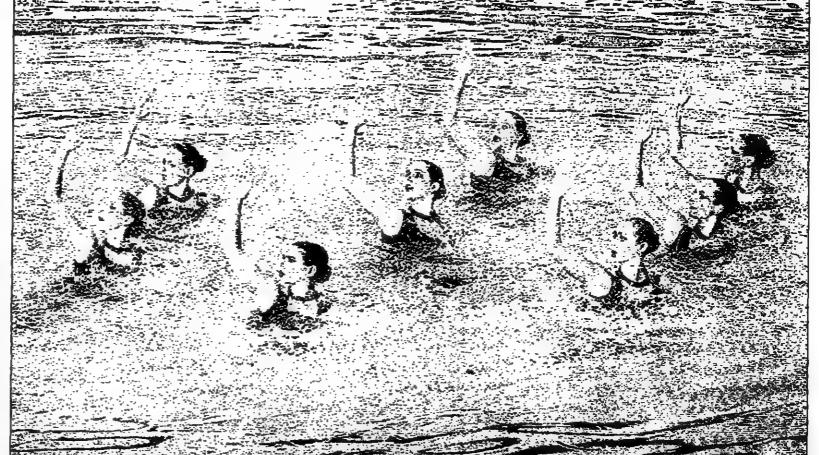
took a chance." Nadine Shulman, a chemistry teacher at a school in the Paris suburb of Maurepas, was suspended for using the Holocaust as the basis for a test question for pupils aged 14 and 15. "Hitler killed Jews by locking them in lorries with exhaust fumes fed inside." Mme Shulman's test said. "With a truck volume of 50 cubic metres, what volume of carbon monoxide does it take to reach the fatal ratio of five per 1,000? If people took, on average. 20 minutes to die, what volume of carbon monoxide did the engine produce per hour?" The teacher and the coach of

the French synchronised swimming team defended their actions in similar ways. by claiming they were condemning rather than condoning the Holocaust.

Mme Shulman, who is married to a Jew and plans to write a book on the deportation of Jews, said that her test was intended to "denounce the Holocaust and not let it be forgotten", while Odile Petit, the Olympic coach, was quoted as saying: "Our mess-age is an appeal to fight racism.

Jean-Paul Clemencon, technical director of the French Swimming Federation, said he was shocked by the reaction and insisted that the performance was intended to represent "the struggle against exclusion and intolerance".

Didier Deloris, headmaster of the Sept-Mares school in Maurepas, said he was "stupefied and enraged" that one of his staff had required pupils to make such a grotesque calculation. François Bayrou,



Members of the French synchronised swimming team performing earlier this year at the national championships in Amiens

demned the test as "intolerable" and said that Mme Shulman would face disciplin-

There are facts which we cannot speak about in a banal way, which belong to the memory of humanity and which must be respected as

sacred," the minister said. The Holocaust motif adopted by the French Olympic had provoked equal fury. "The choice of theme is completely ridiculous and out of place in a sporting event." the Council of Jewish Institutions in France

Anti-racist groups argue that reducing the worst mass murder in history to the stuff of mathematical calculation or aquatic ballet was promoting Movement Against Racism

insisted that treating the murder of Jews as little more than a ouiz question was "abominaimmoral unacceptable".

How can one still call onself a teacher while damaging the conscience of young adolescents in this way?" the group demanded.

In New York, a spokesman for the World Jewish Congress said: "This terrible and tragic

period of history has to be delt with utmost sensitivity", but added: "I believe the intentions of the swimmers are

The uproar follows the controversy surrounding Abbe Pierre, the French priest widecondemned for supporting a book by revisionist historian Roger Garaudy which claims the Holocaust has been exag-gerated. Abbe Pierre, who

helped to smuggle Jews out of occupied France, has refused to retract his defence of the book, titled The Founding Myths of Israeli Politics.

The 83-year-old priest, hitherto consistently voted France's most popular man, is currently "on retreat" in Switzerland. Last week he claimed he was the victim of the media

Seoul fury as Tokyo MP denies war 'sex slavery'

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

SOUTH Koreans reacted furiously yesterday to a hardline Japanese politician's claim that Asian women were not forced into sexual slavery by the Japanese Imperial Army, but served in military brothels of their own free will as a

"commercial activity".

The claim by Selsuke
Okuno a member of parliament's lower house and former aducation Minister, that Japair did no wrong un-leashed protests in Seoul, and reinforced Koreans' misgivings about a plan to co-host the World Cup in 2002 with their historical oppressor.

Women gathered outside the Japanese Embassy in Seoul to denounce Mr Okuno's remarks as deeply offensive to the thousands of women coerced into sexual servitude by the Japanese military before and during the Second World War and to reiterate demands that Tokyo make amends to survivors.

"A sincere apology and compensation based on international law should be made to the comfort women if the 2002 World Cup finals are to be cohosted successfully by Japan and South Korea," said a statement handed out by the protesters, who belong to the Korean Council for Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan. Several newspapers con-

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demned Mr Okuno for implying that women volunteered as prostitutes for gain.

Historians say as many as 200,000 women, mostly Korean, were rounded up to serve as sex slaves to the Japanese army as it marched through China and South-East Asia. In 1993 Japan officially acknowledged its involvement in military sexual slavery. But Mr

6 Japan's forces may have given transport for

comfort women, but did not force them to go 🤊

Okuno, 82, is one of a growing number of influential conservarives in politics and business trying to "beautify" Japan's image by denying women were coerced into brothels and rebutting atroc-

ities by troops. On Tuesday, Mr Okuno launched the League to Achieve a Bright Japan com-prising 116 backbenchers of the dominant Liberal Democratic Party who want Japan to stop apologising for supposed aggression before and

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during the Second World War. The new nationalist pressure group bitterly opposes the decision by Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, to write a letter of apology to former comfort women. Mr Hashimoto admits to difficulty in choosing from among a score or so apologetic expressions, "because I must make sure the content of the letter does not lead to individual awsuits being lodged". Tokyo is concerned a formal apology

> vomen seeking comi through the courts.

The Government has ruled out compensation from state coffers and set up the Asian Women's Fund last July to collect private-sector dona-tions. About 300 survivors of wartime sexual slavery living in South Korea, the Philip-pines and Taiwan will receive at least 2 million yen (£12,000) each, said fund officials yesterday.

Hardline conservatives who have long promoted a sanitised version of history pour contempt on Mr Hashimoto and other government leaders who show remorse for dark chapters of Japan's war record. The Japanese forces may have arranged transportation for them |comfort women) to go to the war fronts for their job, but did not force them to go," said Mr Okuno.



Ndungane: spent four

Tutu to be replaced by former prisoner

FROM RAY KENNEDY INJOHANNESBURG

A BLACK cleric who spent four years as a political prisoner on Robben Island, the jail where Nelson Mandela was held for most of his Archbishop Desmond Tutu as Primate of South Africa's Cape Town diocese and head of the Anglican Church - the Church of the Province.

Sjongonkulu Winston Ndungane, 56, the Bishop of Kimberley and Kuruman, will succeed Archbishop Tutu, 64, who is due to retire at the end of September after

ten turbulent years. Bishop Ndungane has been chosen by an elective assembly of senior cleries and church representatives after a two-day secret conclave in Cape Town. His closest rival was Duncan Buchanan, the Bishop of Johannesburg, but the result of the ballot, in which the successful candidate had to win two-thirds of the 575 votes, was not

disclosed. Like Archbishop Tutu, Bishop Ndungane favours the growing incorporation of African traditional practice. such as dancing and singing. into church ritual and the ordination of women.

The bishop was a member of the Pan Africanist Congress when he was imprisoned in 1963 for furthering the objectives of a banned organisation.

Yesterday he said he received his calling to God while doing my national service on the island. He said, however, that he had no contact with Mr Mandela who "was a VIP prisoner".

Archbishop Tutu was ap-pointed to his post in 1986 after serving as Bishop of Johannesburg and secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

He identified strongly with the people of Soweto, the sprawling black township outside Johannesburg where he grew up, and adopted the role of a political priest during the worst and most violent years of apartheid.

Burma steps up attack on opposition

FROM RELITER IN RANGOON

BURMA'S military Government broadened its attacks on Aung San Suu Kyi, the democracy leader yesterday with a newspaper commentary saying that she could not be trusted to be a leader because she has a British husband.

Referring to Daw Suu Kyi as the "puppet princess", a commentary in the state-run New Light of Myanmar (Burma), said the 1991 Nobel Peace laureate could not be trusted to keep state secrets if she were to become the country's leader.

"Will the wife not let her husband know in the least matters that are connected with the affairs of the State?" asked the article, which was written under the pen name "Patriot".

The commentary said: "In scrutinising the matter of safeguarding the country from dangers and from the point of view of security of the state, it is quite obvious that she cannot be trusted in the least." Burma's official media are seen as the mouthpiece of the Rangoon military regime, the State Law and Order Restora-

tion Council. Daw Suu Kyi has repeatedly been attacked verbally for her marriage to Michael Aris, an Oxford academic. The junta says that she is not a true Burmese because she lived abroad for many years and married a foreigner.

Over the past two weeks, Burma has

stepped up its propaganda against for-eign interference in the country, calling Daw Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy party the stooges of imperialists. On Tuesday, the New Light of Myanmar carried a veiled warning that the party might be outlawed, and attacked the group's recent plan to draft a

The party angered the country's rulers in November when it pulled out of a government-controlled convention draft-

ing the guidelines of a constitution. Burma has been ruled by the military since a 1962 coup. The country's last constitution was revoked in 1989 when the military suppressed a democracy

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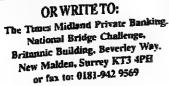
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'I don't want to be deaf, mummy'

Lord Ashley has been criticised for supporting ear implants for deaf children. Win Blackmore tells why she is fully behind his campaign

y daughter Siån is deaf. She is seven. A feisty gremlin with wild black hair. cowling eyes and a pair of tiny translucent ears that really do look shell-like and are amazingly, preposterously, useless,

She was two when we discovered she was deaf, two when she

wore her first hearing aid: your basic beige con-traptions that look enormous hooked over those dainty, useless ears. We had to sit on her to get her to wear them then: one of us wrestling with her as she thrashed about on the floor, the other attempting to thread the hearing aids into the

moving target. Now she puts them in herself. She calls them her "ears" and in a way they are. She knows better than anybody else that they are her link to the outside world. The hearing world in which she lives. and, like it or not, in which she must

Sian: a flicker of hope inevitably make her way. Unlike Lord Ashley of Stoke, Sian's hearing damage is neural. She would not benefit from a cochlear implant, though when I mentioned such a thing to her - an operation that could, perhaps, make deaf children hear again - her face brightened in wonder at the

I explained to her, gently, that hers is not the sort of deafness that could be helped by this sort of miracle cure. She explained to me, in the smug and superior way that only seven-year-old girls can adopt, that she knew this already. The doctor had pointed it out on the wall chart one day, she said: her problem lies somewhere behind "that thing that looks like a giant snail". Even so, I could see the flicker of hope in her eyes.

I told her that some people some deaf people - are unsure about this operation. They worry about what it will do to them. to their deaf children, to their deaf world. They think deaf people are part of a separate culture, and they want to be left alone with their silence, not bothered by meddling hearing busybodies - or meddling deafened busybodies like Lord Ashley — proffering help they want, nor need.

Unhidden, my daughter sat up in bed, pyjamas askew, eyes suddenly full of tears, answering the question I was too afraid to put to her. "I don't want to be deaf, mummy,' she said. "I don't want to be

I don't want my daughter to be deaf either. Being able to hear is not some optional extra like a sunroof on a new car. I believ€ God meant us to have five senses: sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. Four out of five can never be good enough.

My daughter is disabled. I do not like to say it. I do not like, particularly, to think about it. I do not

dwell on it, not because I am a saint, but because it is easy to forget, with Sian, that it is so. But it is so. Her deafness is not some interesting character at work. It is not a membership card to some special stient sub-culture. It is a loss. An absence.

t is a risk to her safety every time she walks along a busy street. It's a barricade to a world of beautiful things, such as music, which the rest of us take for granted. It is not, I can assure you - speaking as one who halls from a family larded with Welsh people — the slightest bit like being Welsh.

The people who say this are trying. I think, to escape the restrictions the hearing world has imposed on them. See, they say, nothing wrong with us. We have our own language, our own culture, our own heritage. It's you



A deaf child learns sign language at school: Win Blackmore has promised her daughter Sian that they will learn together. Another adventure

who has the problem. But by seeking to escape the restrictions of the hearing world in this way — by opting out of the game and starting their own - they are creating a whole new set of restrictions for themselves, and their children. In their game, they are normal, but the world as a whole plays by a different set of rules, and that is a game I want my daughter to play.

With the advice from her teachers for the deaf, we made a decision to move Sian from a special hearing unit to her neighbourhood school three years ago. It was, we felt — feel — the right thing to do. The right thing, not the easy thing. Equipped with her own version of the bionic ear — hearing aids and the cumbersome but necessary radio aid ("I hate this damn thing," she mutters each morning as I clip the device round

'Being able to hear is not some

optional extra like a sunroof on a new car. God meant us to have five senses'

her waist) she plays the game.
I remember talking to her teachers, hearing about her successes in the classroom and her bewildering, heartbreaking, isola-tion on the playground. How she spent playtime after playtime sitting alone on the wall, watching All that laughing, all that shout-

ing, all that noise so confusing for a small person whose hearing aids are distressingly non-discriminating. "I'm miserable on the playground," she confided once. "I know I'm not very nice sometimes, but nobody wants to play my games. And I can't play their games, because they're always

whispering."

I remember watching her in her first school play: standing at the front of the hall singing Oats and Beans and Barley Grow, wearing an enormous grin, with her hearing aids flopping out at right angles from each side of her head, helped forward by the twisted leads of her radio aid.

It is not the perfect system. Sometimes the transmitter parts of the radio aids get lost in the shuffle of a busy school day, sometimes there are accidents; leads get tangled and broken, antennae

'Nobody wants to play my games. And I can't play their games,

because they're always whispering'

drop off and are never seen again. But it is working. My daughter speaks well. Not perfectly, but so well you'd never guess that with her hearing aids removed I have to press my lips against her right ear her "good ear" - and bellow to make myself understood. She does not sign, though she is keen to learn. So am I. I have promised

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One of those who criticised Lord Ashley this week was a deaf father of three deaf children. "If you were black, you wouldn't have an operation to make you white," he said, admonishing the man who opted to escape his silent world by surgery. The angry statement made me stop and think. Is it offensive to black people? Probably. And deaf people? Possibly. Definitely offensive to Lord Ashley. And yet, I have to say that given a choice - a fairy godmother-sort of wish with strings attached - I would rather my daughter was black and hearing,

than white and deal. That way, when I whispered in her ear at night I love you, she

would hear me. ● The author is Women's editor of (\selle Evening Argus, Brighton

Rections and Pfeiffer in Up Close & Personal, plus the latest from Spike Lee Geoff Brown reviews the new films Arts page 37

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Modified blood test finds the tumour

WHEN Theresa retired from the Civil Service in her late fifties she hoped for a long and peaceful re-tirement and that her life, spent travelling the world, would be disturbed only by the ghost who shared her West Country cottage. She had already survived cancer of the breast, and had had no recurrence following a mastectomy several years carlier.

The dream of a long retirement was shattered, however, when she had a routine check at her breast clinic. Because of the association hetween breast and ovarian cancer, she underwent an ultrasound examination of her pelvis which showed she already had a large

ovarian tumour. General Practitioner maga zine reports that Dr Ian Jacobs of St Bartholomew's Hospital recently presented data to the American Society of Clinical Oncologists which has demonstrated a refinement in the testing for the tumour markers CA125 and OVXI which are useful in revealing cancer of the ovary during medical screening.

More than 80 per cent of women who have

malignant ovarian disease have a raised level of these antigens in the blood, but the standard test used at present shows that only one in 50 of those who have this raised level has the disease. The tumour market test as modified by Dr Jacobs reduces this high false positive rate; with his test, 7 in 50 who are positive to it

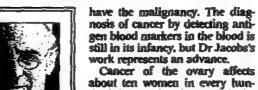
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about ten women in every hundred thousand each year, it is the most common cause of death from a gynaecological tumour and about one woman in a hundred dies from it. Women at particular risk are those who have not had any children, have a family history of it, or have had breast or colo-rectal cancer.

A review by Dr Neelan Siddiqui, a medical oncologist in Newcastle, in GP magazine

shows Theresa's case was typical for she had had no children, she had developed the cancer at the most dangerous age — the average age of onset is 55 — and she had never taken the pill. The contraceptive pill cuts the incidence of cancer of the ovary by at least 30 per cent.

As in Theresa's case, the disease is often first diagnosed by chance when a tumour in the pelvis is noticed either during physical examination or by abdominal or intra-vaginal ultrasound. If diagnosis is delayed the patient has usually consulted her doctor because of abdominal distension and discomfort, bladder symptoms, weight loss, cough or breathlessness. Treatment has improved but early diagnosis still offers the best hope of recovery.

received filmstar-type reception Chicago

where she is attending various functions to aid research into breast canocr. Her interest in this research helps to keep the subject of breast cancer in the news. For although, unlike cancer of the ovary, its prognosis is relatively good, public awareness of the disease and the need for early detection still play an important part in

reducing the death rate.

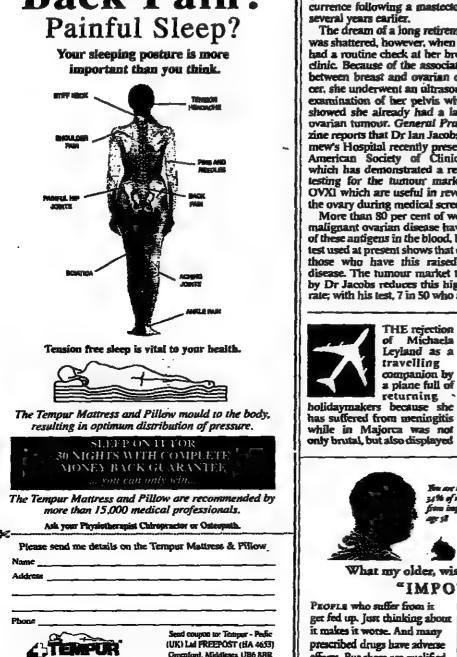
THE Princess HRT and of Wales has breast cancer

> A recent report in the jour-nal of the National Cancer Institute has drawn attention to the difficulties of diagnosing breast cancer by mammography when the woman is taking HRT and her breast tissue is very dense. In an American review of 9,000 post-menopausai women. those taking HRT were 71 per cent more likely to have a false positive report.
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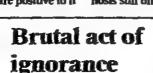
fivefold increase in the number of false negative reports. These come from X-ray reports where the radiologist has missed an early cancer. In many cases the radiologist wasn't aware that the patient was taking HRT. In Britain too, it seems, radiologists aren't always informed that a

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a gross ignorance of the life history and spread of menin-gococcal bacteria, Michaela was probably the one person on the flight who could be guaranteed to be free



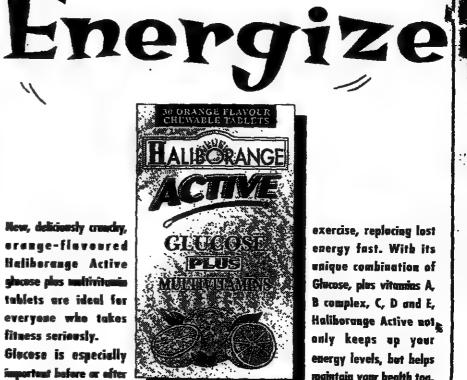
What my older, wiser brother said about "IMPOTENCE"

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of meningococci. One in ten people have the bacteria living in their throats and noses although they are perfectly well, but the very first penicil-lin jab given to Michaela, when she fell ill, would have cleared her body of the bacteria. Michaela's very distressing and potentially lethal ptoms of meningitis were is a result of toxins released by the bacteria which are not, of course, neutralised by the

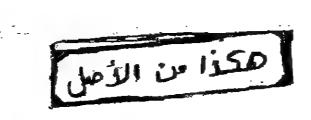
Aircraft air conditioning filters out bacteria, but not viruses. Hence the colds from which airline passengers suf-fer after they have reached their destination. Coughing can spread bacteria to fellow passengers sitting nearby and there is increasing evidence that TB is transmitted in this way. If there are any empty seats it might be as well to move away from a thin, cachectic passenger who is coughing lustily, but there can be no medical excuse for banning poor Michaela.



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Inside the glass menagerie: public transport might be more eco-friendly, but the film star Sean Bean prefers to peer out at the world from his limousine

Driven to be in a world of their own

prough tinted windows. But then he retired three years go as chairman of BTR, the olding company, he had to arrender his company driver and get behind the wheel

imself. After a few weeks of furning 1 traffic jams on the M25, he egan to question whether riving a car was worth the other. Now he is a wholeearted convert to public

TANSCOTT "You come in contact with rdinary people again." he zys, "and if you are the sort of erson who picks up the vibes, nen you really get a grip on hat's going on. It's been quite

revelation "We hardly have any local ransport in Surrey, so I have 3 use my car, but I take the rain whenever I can and in . andon I go by Tube. It's more onvenient than the car and I njoy it. I went to Victoria itation and I was amazed. I ant have been there for 15 wars and there were escalaors, marbled floors and everyhing looked clean."

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Julia Llewellyn Smith on why those who are tioned limousine, chauffeured from place to place are in danger of losing touch with what is going on in real life

in company cars? "Maybe," he

retired and I don't have to

'I'm fortunate because I'm

Sir Owen's greatest interest comes from observing his passengers. "I have noticed the absence of the 'feelgood' factor. No one is jumping with joy and people are rather greyish in their dress, females and males. There's not a lot of laughter but perhaps there never was. I don't see a lot of colour, in fact London is a lot what I imagine China to be like. Perhaps it will be different now that

summer is here. Then there are the twangers, playing their guitars on the Underground, which is a bit of light relief. I notice that people do throw the odd 10p to them, which is nice

to see. Perhaps everyone looks grey to Sir Owen because they are all demoralised by endless security alerts, rising fares and compartments like sardine cans. Maybe they are looking miserable because they are envying plutocrats who are chauffeured around

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ground, of course, every hour

travel in the rush-hour, so I don't see the system at its worst. But on the Underis rush-hour and I don't mind standing." Isolation attracts

us to cars and that seems unlikely to change — it is in this feeling that danger lies

Sir Owen is in a minority. According to Dr Peter Marsh. a social psychologist, most people love their vehicles precisely because they keep the common herd at bay. "Isolation is what attracts us to cars and that seems unlikely to change," he says. "Being behind a wheel makes you feel in control of your destiny; you make your own decisions, you play your own music and you feel omnipotent."

It is in this feeling of seclusion that danger lies. *Being detached from the outside world is the main cause of road rage." Dr Marsh says. There is a territorial aspect to a car and any slight to that makes you very aggressive." At Westminster, any politically-correct MP will waste

disposal, but says he has not used it for "yonks", preferring to speed about town on his "My cycling informs my job 100 per cent," he says, "You see

gailons of hot air telling you to

abandon your gas-guzzler. In

reality, however, most agree

with Steven Norris, the former

transport as "dreadful human

the Commons just about goes

into double figures," says a

shamefaced Gary Waller, MP.

the secretary of the all-party

cycling group. "As soon as ministers get a chance to use a

ministerial car, they forget all

parently, cope with the sartori-

al stress of having to take their

A long list of B-list celebs, from Michaela Strachan to Anna Friel, who played Beth

in Brookside, have put their

names to the Friends of the

Earth "Furning Mad" cam-

paign to discourage the use of

cars - yet they can regularly be seen tripping out of

stretched limos at premieres.

"Just because they are sup-

porting us. it doesn't necessar-

ily mean they don't drive," an

The great and the good who

transport include

can be regularly spotted using

Bamber Gascoigne, who has

been seen strap-hanging on

the Picadilly Line, while - and

no surprises here - Emma

Thompson takes every oppor-

tunity she can to share the

horrors of the Northern Line

with the plebs, all the while

trying unsuccessfully to hide

behind a copy of The

Jon Snow, the Channel 4

presenter, has a limousine and

Guardian.

FoE spokesman says.

bicycle clips on and off.

The poor dears cannot, ap-

about bikes."

Transport Minister, who fam-

things on a bicycle that you would never see in a car and you have contacts with the most unlikely people. You wouldn't believe how many insightful conversations I've had with dispatch riders." ously described users of public Paula Whitney, a 56-yearbeings".

"The number of cyclists in

old grandmother, was a slave to the car for more than 30 years. Then, two years ago, her little blue Metro broke down and she decided to give up driving for ever.

"I've never regretted it." she says. "I had been worrying about the environment for a long time, but I had never contemplated giving up my car. Then I started catching the bus and grew to love it."

ike Sir Owen, Ms Whitney finds life is far more convivial when you take public transport. "On the bus you have to interact with the other passengers. Everyone says 'excuse me' and 'thank you' when they get off, even the youngsters, when it is a service they have paid to use. It's a far more pleasant way of living than sitting in a metal box. where you think you are invulnerable."

Will more luminaries follow Ms Whitney's example? The eco warrior Anita Roddick drives her Volkswagen Golf to the Body Shop's headquarters in Littlehampton, Surrey. We're a bit out in the sticks here, so you need a car.' explains a spokesman. And we are yet to see that

friend of the plants the Prince of Wales - who once sent his limousine to pick up his organic vegetables - jostling with commuters on the station at Windsor. driver permanently at his

How El Tel finally fell from grace

Giles Coren on the day that the halo slipped from the saviour of England's national game

he thin veneer of respectability on "the saviour of English football" has finally cracked. Terry Venables's appearances on television this week have borne all the trademarks of insecurity, delusion and neurosis that beset fall-

For years he was untouchable, doing everything right. At least on the surface. He represented England at every level from schoolboy to manager, led small clubs to great things, managed Tot-tenham and Barcelona, even wrote novels and opened a nightclub. Scribes West, in Kensington. And it was all a sop to the

a hangout for the Daily Mail hacks who, like all but a very few football writers, have given Venables such unquestioning support. His business dealings have been the subject of sports page jokery, rather than true suspicion. Allegations of favouritism have always petered away, despite

the unarguable fact that he

has filled his team with the

former Spurs players he

once nurtured. For Venables is the most itigious man in sport. Even his partiality for players represented by the agent Eric Hall, a close friend, has gone barely remarked upon in the press.

vate reservations about the appointment of an England manager with so many court cases hanging over him, the sports pages have chosen, with unique restraint, to class him innocent until proven guilty.

For there is no room for ambiguity in football, or football journalism. Lineker, Keesan and Hoddle are good. Vinny Jones, Graham Taylor and the Germans are bad. Taylor was vilified personally because he advocated "route one" football. Venables plays a passing game which is "good", therefore he is "good".

It is no exaggeration, within the simplicity of the foot-ball equation, to say that if Norman Lamont had propounded a system of three central defenders playing behind a midfield built around Paul Gascoigne, he would

press, Scribes, indeed, be-

Terry Venables: litigious

Quickly forgotten is Venables's charge of bringing the game into disrepute, when he ran onto the pitch during a match in 1982. Forgotten too are the acrimonious circumstances surrounding his departure from Crystal Palace. Circumstances which, predictably,

took all concerned to court. Venables did not fall, publicly, until Tuesday. And then, how he fell. Questioning the word of Cathay Pacific after the £5,000 smash-up debacle, he spoke with the voice of a hardened

conspiracy theorist And now he wields the class weapon, claiming that such opprobrium would not have been directed at an England rugby team. This is a misplaced tirade — for it is

class hero cum cockney rebel that has secured his reverence in the media. He clearly

Then there were his de-mands for "proof" — the last resort of the declining hero: Have you got any proof? Have you got any photo-graphs? Let me see them."

Sound familiar? In iambic pentameters it might look something like this:

"Villain, be sure thou prove my love a whore. Be sure of it. Give me the

ocular proof..."
Thus spoke Othello at the very moment his fall was assured. All the good work, the triumphant campaigns, and the hard-earned reputation were as nothing. Pity poor Desdemona Lynam.

Venables will not have to follow Othelio all the way to his tragic end, however, for he surprisingly fell on his sword even before Euro 96 got under way — citing the imminent court appearances that by no means prevented him accepting the job in the first place. At any rate, he is

with nothing to lose. But in the coming weeks, as Euro 96 colonises our screens, Venables will be answering to more than just the football crazy. Never mind that he stood by his players when they misbehaved: people will point out that he has made the team in Robbie Fowlers, the Steve McManamans and the Gazzas are simply yobs that fit with Venables's post-Loaded notion of a Lads XI. Fowler and McManaman, indeed, have learnt further lessons from their boss, and initiated legal proceedings over the Cathay affair.

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For Pacific tiger cubs, maths is fun

The Scots dominie is flourishing in China, says Magnus Linklater

our times two is eight, four time three is twelve, four times four is sixteen. Sitting in rows behind our little wooden desks, we chanted our times tables in shrill voices, while Miss Pirie conducted us like a ragged chamber orchestra. An uncertain diminuendo as we hit the difficult bits would be followed by a crescendo leading up to the triumphant finale: twelve times twelve is 144. This was primary school education as I remember it. Chris Woodhead would have been delighted.

Mr Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, is in despair about our maths teaching today. In the course of a gloomy interview on Panorama this week, he said that there are "significant problems" about the way it is taught in England (Scotland was, perhaps mercifully, excluded). A survey has shown that pupils at English primary schools are up to two years behind their contemporaries in parts of Europe and the Far East. They are particularly poor in basic arithmetic. Two decades of progressive teaching seems to have failed in one of its basic aims: pupils organised in small groups rather than whole classes receive less direct teaching time than

they had before. I wish I could direct Mr Woodhead to Miss Pirie's class at Nigg Prima-ry School in the north of Scotland, because we learnt, I think, a great deal in those early years,

and it stuck with us for life. But it has closed, and Miss Pirie, alas, is no longer with us. As for chanting in class, that was consigned to the educational waste-bin many years ago. But whole-class teaching is back in vogue. Mr Woodhead favours it, Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, likes it and so does David Blunkett, her Labour shadow. Its most enthusiastic adherents, however, as Panorama showed, are on Asia's Pacific Rim, and it is perhaps there that we should seek

To find out how it works, Malcolm Thyne, the headmaster of Fettes College in Edinburgh, and a colleague from Lomond School near Glasgow, went out last month to Guangdong in southern Chi-na. Fettes, which once had a tradition of exporting missionaries to China, has for some time been taking pupils from South-East Asia, and Mr Thyne was struck by how often they outperform their British counterparts, particularly in maths and science. They arrive at Fettes more skilled and confident, and carry this advantage through to the end of their time at school, winning more A levels

and university places.

At the Ying Hao school in Guangdong, Mr Thyne sat in on classes where serried rows of primary school children learnt tables by rote, committed sums to memory, and worked with an abacus rather than a calculator. Classes are large by British standards, many of them 40 or more, but they were easily controlled by just one teacher. No more time was spent on maths than any other subject, and there was

relatively little homework; there was no great sense of pressure, and Mr Thyne was struck by the enthusiasm of the children he met. They insisted on showing off their knowledge, reciting for his benefit the names of every capital city in Europe. They demonstrated gleefully how they could do basic sums faster with an abacus than a calculator. Above all, they seemed to be enjoying school. So impressed was Mr Thyne that he wants to set up a swap arrangement with Feites.

But before Mr Woodhead buys a return ticket to China. some caveats must be registered. Ying Hao is hardly a run-of-the-mill state school. Founded three years ago by a Chinese businessman, Chen Zhong Lian, it is a private school, where parents pay £20,000 down to enrol their children. This is invested and pays for the entire course. A secondary school has been added, and there are already 2,000 pupils - startling testimony, if nothing else, to the burgeoning wealth of southern China. There is a natural thirst for knowledge, and a respect for teachers which is hardly prevalent in Britain today. In some ways, their

status is reminiscent of that once They recite enjoyed by the Scotish "dominie".

tables.

There is a long tradition of numermemorise acy in South-East Asia, evidenced by a sums, use love of gambling the abacus and by the entrepreneurial spirit that drives the "tiger"

economies. A familiarity with

figures which begins at home is likely to be carried forward into school. Mr Thyne himself speculates whether it may have something to do with the hundreds of intricate characters in the Chinese alphabet which every child learns. There is the natural discipline of the classroom, though it is hard to say whether that stems from the rigours of the Communist system, or from the ruthless control on the birthrate, resulting in single-child families. It is unlikely to ing mixed-ability comprehensive in inner-city Manchester, say, or Glasgow.

nd yet there are useful lessons. One is that learning by rote, the absorbing of knowledge en masse, far from being a deadening experience, can be enloyable, even stimulating. Another is that in the very young, of whatever national ity, there is a natural enthusiasm for learning (I was struck by evidence at the Dunblane inquiry which recalled how excited the children were at the simple prospect of beginning their daily gym class). And there is the confidence that a grounding in simple numeracy gives any child: acting as a foundation for creativity, rath-

er than muzzling it. As a teacher himself, Mr Thyne came away from Guangdong with one final thought. He was struck by how relaxed the teachers were. even after an hour with a class of 40. It was, he thought, far less exhausting than trying to teach three or four individual groups in a class of 25. Size, it seems, is not everything.



Hillary loses the Post

en days ago, before the convictions of Governor Jim Guy Tucker and the two McDougals for fraud, the Whitewater affair was almost as much a press story as a political one. For four years there had been serious allegations against President Clinton, and solid evidence for those allegations, but most of the investigative reporting had been done outside the columns of the establishment press or the three network television news programmes. To know about the evidence, an ordinary American would have had to rely on the leader rather than the news columns of The Wall Street Journal, on small-circulation magazines such as the American Spectator, on newsletters and the Internet, on the reporting of Christo-

pher Ruddy in the Pittsburg Tribune-Review, on Ambrose Evans-Pritchard's journalism in the London Sunday Telegraph, or on the interest that has been taken by The Times of London, not of New York. It was as though the American establishment press, which exposed President Nixon over Watergate, had decided to protect President Clinton over Whitewater, and over the mystery of Vincent Foster's death and the tion has been whether the silence of the establishment media would continue after the convictions. Last Sunday, The Washington Post broke

it. The paper published a series of linked articles, extending over four pages, reviewing Hillary Clinton's connection with the scandals. There is no doubt that these articles were thoroughly researched, using the Post's substantial resources, and they are damaging to Hillary Clinton. They were published the weekend after the convictions, but they must have been put in hand well before. If the convictions had not occurred, one may reasonably assume that The Washington Post would have decided not to publish, and the silence

might have become permanent. How damaging these articles are can best be judged from the White-house reaction. Two lawyers on the Whitehouse staff who have been assigned to handle Whitewater-related maners, Jane Sherburne, special counsel to the President, and Mark Fabiani, associate special counsel to the President, were informed about the scope of the article and asked to offer responses to each of its eight main sections . . . Fabiani and Sherburne dismissed the main points of the article as trivial and disputable and accused The Post of following a partisan Republican agenda.* Given

Deserted by the media, the First Lady now looks likely to be indicted

The Washington Post's past reluc-tance to give credence to the evidence of the Clinton scandals, that is a breathtaking piece of impertinence. The White House apparently believes that it is impartial for a newspaper to stay silent, but partisan to want to look at the evidence.

The Washington Post put headings on each of the sections, and these give something of the flavour of the article. "The Lawyer — The Billing Records — Sixty Hours — Brewers and Sewers — Dealing with Seth Ward — Getting Out — Full Disclosure". Each leaves questions for Hillary to answer. "Why and how did Hillary Clinton take on McDougal and Madison as her clients? Did Hillary see the [bill-

ing) records back in 1992 when quesraised about her legal work? If she did, why did she not release them to the

fore they went missing — or at least summarise them in discussions with the press? Has she truly been committed to full disclosure? What role did she play, if any, in [the billings] disappearance and rediscovery? By whatever name, Cas-tle Grande or IDC, what did Hillary Clinton actually do in the 30 hours of work the billing records show she did for Madison in connection with the property? What was Hillary Clinton's relationship with Ward?"

Janice Green was one of the Arkansas jurors in the trial which convicted Jim Guy Tucker and the McDougals. The trial was primarily concerned with the Castle Grande property transactions, which the jury found to be fraudulent. Whitewater itself, which was a separate partnership between the Clintons and Mc-Dougals, relates to Castle Grande as a kind of baby syndicate. After the trial, Janice Green said to the Associated Press: "I think he [Clinton] and his wife had just as much to do with it." That is the implication of The Washington Post's questions, as well as of the evidence at the trial itself,

Take for instance the events of February 28, 1986, the key date in the Castle Grande fraud. Seth Ward who has not been charged - has been termed the "straw" buyer of properties for Madison, which under

the regulations Madison could not lawfully buy for itself. He is also the father-in-law of Webster Hubbell, the convict who was then a partner of Hillary Clinton's in the Rose Law The billing records also showed that she spent nearly an hour with Ward on February 28, 1986 ... In a complicated manoeuvre that day, Jim Guy Tucker, the future governor who was then practising law, bought the sewer system from Ward for \$1.2 million, fully financed by a Madison loan and \$150,000 from David Hale of Capital Management Services, Inc. At the same time, Hale netted \$500,000 from a Madison loan, which he used to leverage \$1.5 million from the Small Business Administra-

tion. Of that he loaned \$300,000 to Susan McDougal Everyone involved benefited from these loan swaps." The Washington Post continues:

transaction was an

important part of the trial that ended last week in the convictions of Tucker and the McDougals. Hale testified that his loan to Susan McDougal came only after Bill Clinton asked him to make it during a meeting at McDougal's Castle Grande sales trailer. Clinton has denied that allegation and repeated his denial under oath . . . Some of the money from the loan swaps - \$50,000 ended up in the Whitewater development account jointly held by the Clintons and McDougals . . . When Hillary Clinton was asked what she was doing with Ward during their February 28, 1986 meeting, she told RTC lawyers: 'I do not recall what I did on that day."

espite The Washington Times, The Washington Post is virtually the monopoly newspaper of Washington. Along with The New York Times, it tends to set the political agenda, even for the network news programmes. Its Washington sources are better than anyone else's. It is the only newspaper ever to have forced an American President to resign. During the Civil War. Abraham Lincoin compared the power of the London Times to that of the Mississippi River. The Washington Post has a

similar power in modern America to that of The Times in 19th-century Britain. For it to take the decision to expose Hillary Clinton's connection with Castle Grande is a political as well as a journalistic event.

My own view is that Hillary was, in effect, the lawyer to Bill's network, and that the really bad things, of which the Madison/Castle Grande/ Whitewater transactions are a minor part, came from the network and not the lawyer. She sometimes quotes a sad little nursery rhyme to explain how she sees her position. "As I was standing in the street / As quiet as could be, / A great big ugly man came up / And tied his horse to me." I have some sympathy for her position — I think she was a consenting adult in the Madison merry-go-round, but I think she probably did not foresee the implications of marrying into the Ar-kansas network, of letting Bill Clinton tie his horse to her. Nevertheless, her fingerprints, metaphorically and literally, are on the documents. The indictments of Kenneth Starr, the special prosecutor, are climbing up the network of the Madison conspiracy: Governor Tucker represents the higher slope, but Hillary Clinton is the ridge that leads to the summit.

Both the information and the tone of The Washington Post article suggest that that newspaper, the supreme Washington insider, has come to believe that Hillary Clinton may be, and perhaps ought to be, indicted. At the very least, given its past caution, it would not have published what it did unless it thought an indictment possible. Yet that is an explosive political possibility. If Kenneth Starr does decide to indict the First Lady, he will only do so when he has completed the sentence bargaining process with Governor Tucker, who is seriously ill, and the McDougals. He will need more evidence than is yet public, but The Washington Post evidence moves in that direction. If Hillary Clinton is indicted, it will presumably come after Bill has been renominated, but before the election in November: any trial itself would come after the election, presumably next year. Can the Democrats afford to nominate a President whose wife may be indicted during the campaign? If that happened, would the American public vote for him? No doubt many Democrats are looking with longing at the alternative of nominating their current Vice-President, Al Gore, But Bill Clinton is a risk-taker. It is not yet likely that the risk of Hillary being indicted will make him stand down.

A tale of two viruses

Alf Morris on the forgotten

haemophiliacs

There is today a deep sense of injustice among people with haemophilia and their families. The tragic fate of three brothers

explains why.

All three had haemophilia. Two call them Bill and Tom — were infected with HIV by NHS treatment and died of Aids-related illnesses. Their brother - call him Fred - was infected with the hepatitis "C" virus (HCV), also by NHS treatment, and died of liver-failure. Bill and Tom received financial help from the Macfarlane Trust, funded by the Government, and were able to make some provision for their families. Fred went to his grave having been refused that help. He was unable to make any provision for the future wellbeing of his family.

All three brothers had become

terminally ill and died from the same cause contaminated NHS bloggi products. But Fred was denied the help given to Bill and Tom by a Government that provided £70 million for people infected with HIV, and set up the Macfarlane Trust to give them continuing support. The Government accepted its moral responsi-bility in the case of HIV infection. It has the same responsibility in the HCV cases.

It is argued that compensa-ting those infected with HCV would take money away from patient care in the NHS. To say that is to bark not just up the wrong tree but in the wrong forest. For the payments made in the HIV cases, including those to the dependants of people who subsequently died because of Aids, came from contingency monies, which is what the Haemophilia Society is asking for now for the HCV victims. The society simply wants the terms of reference of the Macfarlane Trust to be extended to

easured against the pain and suffering endured, the L claim is an extremely modest one. Hepatitis "C" attacks the liver and is life-threatening. Current medical opinion is that up to 80 per cent of those infected develop chronic liver disease. Of these, some 20 per cent develop severe liver problems such as cirrhosis or liver cancer. More than 50 of those infected by contaminated NHS blood products have already died and the death rate is accelerating.

This further tragedy in the aemo-philis community dates back to before 1986, when heat treatment was introduced to end the contamination of NHS blood products. But by then 3,100 people with haemophilia alone had been infected with hepatitis "C". In recognition of the scale of the problem, an all-party early day motion was tabled in the Commons in my name, urging parity of treat-ment for people infected with HIV or HCV. The motion now has more than 260 signatories, a majority of all MPs who are free to sign such motions. As the list shows, the issue is treated not as one of Right and Left, but of right

and wrong. To sustain the call for parity, the Haemophilia Society recently reported the findings of in-depth research into the problems and needs of people infected with HCV but not yet seriously ill. The report describes the impact of HCV on them and their families. It is a disturbing document. Families are describe trying to cope with sickness, loss of income, loss of jobs and loss of independence, while having to live with what they know may soon prove a terminal illness.

The most urgent need is for financial help to loosen the vice of reduced income and increased costs. More research is needed into treatment therapy and particularly into combination therapy. Other pressing needs are for a public education programme to ex-plain the facts and dispel the michs about hepatitis "C"; and for the funding of recombinant clotting factors to replace the plasma-derived products that caused both the HIV and HCV infections. Recombinant products are free from the risk of blood-borne viruses, ensuring that further disasters do not befall the

haemophilia community. In none of the campaigns I have been closely involved in at Westminster over the years (among them Thalidomide; campaigns for the deaf-blind and for children with dyslexia and autism; for war widows, the elderly people duped by Barlow Clowes, and haemophiliacs infected with HIV) have I had so strong a sense that no campaign should be necessary to right such an obvious wrong. The Government knows we are right, and that our campaign is entirely free from party animus. It knows, too that if given the nod by ministers, the Commons could settle the issue

within an hour. This week we embark on the inal lap of this Parliament's last full session. The Government's legislative programme is gossamer thin. Parliamentary time could unquestionably be found. If ministers failed act, and the campaign has to go onthen go on it will

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Turn over

TURTLE trouble is blighting London Zoo, where three of the creatures are being expelled for excessive sexual activity. The Hawksbill turtles, which arrived at the zoo in the 1980s as babies, are being sent to Seaworld in Florida because exhausted zookeepers cannot cope with their antics.

Now that the turtles, two males and a female, have grown to a metre long, their 5,000 gallon tank cannot contain them. They swim a lot and the males are just starting to get sexually active," explains a weary Dr Heather Hall, curator of the aquarium and reptile house.
They are giving the female a hard time, chasing her round their cramped tank. She hasn't enough

space to get away from them."

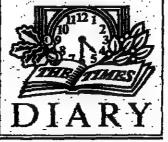
In their Florida paradise they will have a 70,000 gallon tank out in the sun. There will be plenty of deep pools and hideyholes, where the female can escape her fans.

They are flying out tomorrow morning via Paris in specially designed boxes. "They have to be kept very moist throughout," says Dr Hall. "I got some very funny looks in Sainsbury's when I came out with eight tubs of Vaseline. But I would love to see their faces when they arrive in the sunshine."

Jack Straws plans to impose a curfew on children under 10 may have had its origin in his own schooldays. The boy who would be Home Secretary was clearly some-thing of a goody-goody, and in the magazine for old boys of Brent-



The last one was just too ambitious



wood School he tells how he once had to recover the school rascal from a police station in Stratfordupon-Avon. "When we got there, this guy was not actually locked in the cells," recalls Straw disapprov ingly. "He was just stuck there and we had to . . . bring him home."

Morris dance

HUMOUR is not a quality one readily associates with Edward Burne-Jones, the pre-Raphaelite artist. But a forthcoming sale at Christie's reveals him as a demon caricaturist, fond of sending up friends such as William Morris, socialist and wallpaper designer.

Burne-Jones always seemed a rather stiff character, forever on best behaviour when with his for-

bidding wife Georgiana. The carlcatures were his way of unwinding. Particularly fond of obese characters. he depicts Morris as a tubby sort turning cartwheels by moonlight. Other drawings show him crawling under a bed and sitting in his bath.

Cannes do

FOLLOWING her trip to the Cannes Film Festival, Virginia Bottomley has grown very excited about the director Mike Leigh. The great British success of the festival, Leigh won the Palme d'Or with his film Secrets and Lies. Since returning



Morris by Jones

from the South of France, Mrs Bottomley is said to have been sending Leigh notes suggesting drink and lunch dates.

Her pretext is to discuss the future of the British film industry. Leigh is may not be so keen. His bearded, bearish, working-class heroism would look a little strange alongside Mrs Bottomley's matronly Toryism.

• Whatever other problems they may face in the Euro 96, the Dutch soccer squad will not be short of kit. They arrive today with 900 pairs of shorts, 580 shirts, 550 pairs of socks, 140 athletic supports, 100 pairs of bootlaces and 100 tracksuits. The three goalkeepers alone are bringing 140 jerseys and 80 pairs of shorts.

Scott reports

KING Juan Carlos of Spain has expressed regret for granting an interview to the BBC and Selina Scott three years ago. At the time of the interview. Spain's media went apoplectic, as they had never been offered similarly informal televised access to the King's life. Miss Scott was condemned for her familiar-

ity, the King for his frivolity. In an interview published this



Selena Scott admired by Juan who knows

week in the Spanish magazine Epoca, the King says: "I made a mistake in giving Selina Scott an interview. It was not well understood in Spain." Except, of course, for one moment, when the Monarch seemed to be studying Miss Scott's swimsuit a little too sedulously. Here the majority of Spanish men were quite understanding

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MITCHELL'S BURDEN

An IRA gun to the heads of anxious unionists

As the protracted disputes over precise titles and functions illustrate, events concerning all-party talks in Ulster remain delicately poised. George Mitchell, the former US Senator, will be given primary responsibility for those deliberations. A framework appears to have been established where progress towards demobilisation of arms will be required not at the outset of negotiations but when full-scale dialogue begins. The instant reaction of the IRA's army council yesterday was to refuse to relinquish a single weapon until after a peace agreement is reached. That alone rules the IRA, and hence Sinn Fein, totally out of the process.

This latest compromise between Mr Major and Mr Bruton has not been greeted with acclamation even by those groups committed to peaceful means. The Reverend Jan Paisley has characterised the Senator as "some sort of Pope", which, it is safe to assume coming from the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), was not meant as a compliment. More seriously, he charges him with being "a crony of Gerry Adams". Others such as David Trimble, while being more cautious in their language, remain distinctly cool about the work of the two governments.

Ian Paisley's attack is harsh. Senator Mitchell is a distinguished figure whose previous attempts to deal with the thorny matter of IRA armoury at least aimed for balance. The six principles which he laid down for all-party negotiations - belatedly and reluctantly endorsed by Sinn Fein and now apparently repudiated - were worthy ideals. He is not a nationalist stooge. The IRA, which knows that to cross him would lose it support in America, would rather he had no further part in this process. All friends of Ulster can only wish him and his counterparts good fortune on Monday.

Nevertheless, real unionist worries exist. And they appear justified. The way in which these arrangements have been constructed prompts real suspicion about the integrity of the whole enterprise. Three outstanding areas of dissatisfaction persist.

The first is that there is an obsession,

driven by Dublin, with the views and policy of the IRA; this implies that securing another ceasefire has a higher priority than the constitutional rights and wishes of a clear majority of Northern Ireland's citizens. The republican movement placed itself outside the legitimate theatre of political debate in February when it exploded the Docklands bomb. It is for them to choose to come back

in, not for formulas to be stretched for them. The second lies in the nature of the various committees and consultations, in particular the relegation of decommissioning to a specialist sub-unit. This design is supposed to set the issues of political structures and terrorist arsenals moving in parallel. Mr Trimble's belief that they might not has now been confirmed by the IRA itself - further reason to insist that the paramilitary dimension cannot be bottled up or quietly downgraded.

Finally, there is a disturbing ambiguity over the point at which weapons would begin to be surrendered in the now unlikely event of the IRA backtracking on yesterday's statement and reinstating the ceasefire, enabling Sinn Fein to become a player. Britain wanted a solid timetable that would make substantive discussion contingent on serious disarmament. That was and is the right position to take. Dublin seems to have succeeded in softening the linkage; but anything short of that allows the IRA to enter talks on a sale-or-return basis.

There is a wider concern which pervades all these other matters. The IRA announcement is a direct rebuff not only to London but to Senator Mitchell's own conditions on decommissioning. The impression grows that Downing Street and Dublin are losing control over events to the terrorists, while what is presented as a peace process slides into a submission schedule. The new format reaches the very edge of unacceptability for the mainstream majority in Ulster. The concessions made may already be too much for the DUP. Any further slippage will surely provoke the unionists to withdraw from Mr Mitchell's machinery. In such circumstances few could blame them.

Spain needs to learn a few home truths about Gibraltar

RIOJA AND THE ROCK

The new Government in Madrid has been good for Spain. Equally, there can be no doubt that it has been a great disappointment for Gibraltar. The virtues of José María Aznar's Administration - reason. common sense and pragmatism - seem to evaporate the moment it turns its attention to the British territory on the tip of the Iberian peninsula. As if directed by Franco from the grave, Madrid has been more antagonistic to the Rock in recent weeks than since the days when the frontier was closed.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, flies into Madrid's Barajas Airport today, to talk beef and BSE to the Spanish Government. He must also talk Gibraltar, and make clear his displeasure to his counterpart Abel Matutes. The Spanish Foreign Minister has so far been the worst offender, aiming a series of intemperate threats at the new Government in Gibraltar. Why he should do so is difficult to comprehend. Spain gains absolutely nothing by bullying Peter Caruana, the sophisticated new Gibraltarian Chief Minister. By doing so, Señor Matutes stands to squander a better opportunity for improved relations between Mad-

rid and the Rock than has existed before. Mr Caruana told The Times on the day after his election that "only through dialogue can there be any prospect of finding ways of mutual co-operation between Spain and Gibraltar". "I want to make it easier," he added, "not more difficult, for Spain to have better relations with us." Yet what was the response of Señor Matutes to this most openminded and constructive signal? "My pulse will not falter," the Spanish Foreign Minister growled, "to close the frontier with Gibraltar if it becomes necessary."

Having elected the conciliatory Mr Caruana in the belief that Spain would respond in kind, the Gibraltarians today have to endure delays of up to six hours simply to cross the border with Spain — and this, at an internal frontier within the European Union. Mr Rifkind must make it clear to Spain that such politically-motivated delays are unacceptable, even illegal, and that Madrid must abandon forthwith the intrusive checks and searches of Gibraltarians at the frontier. Above all, he must tell Señor Matutes that the time has come for Spain to pursue more intelligent policies

than arm-twisting and table-thumping. Madrid would do well to pay heed also to the views of those of its citizens who live in municipalities adjacent to Gibraltar. Only last week, seven mayors from the impoverished Campo de Gibraltar region visited Señor Matutes to demand compensation for economic loss suffered by the severe delays at the frontier. Spaniards who live in the area wish for nothing more than to have normal commercial and cultural relations

with the 27,000 who live on the Rock. But Spain needs, above all, to win Gibraltar's trust. This should not be an impossible task for Señor Aznar: after all, he has learnt with time to live in peace with the Basque and Catalan nationalists. Cannot he take a bold step and invite Mr Caruana to Madrid for talks? Neither his pulse, nor his Foreign Minister's, need falter when raising a glass of rioja to better and more civilised relations with the Rock.

CHATEAU FLINTSTONE

Homo sapiens staggers in as Homo dull throb between the ears

The discovery that wine is 20 centuries older than previously labelled rewrites social history. The Neolithic Château Khomeini from the 5,400-5,000 BC vintage is evidently not a premier cru, more of a dernier cri. Not only is it retsina, but it has been laced with terebinth for medicinal purposes. And for a learned joke, the archaeologists have identified it in that part of the modern world which most strictly discourages wine-drinking: the Zagros mountains of Iran. We must be grateful for small sherries. At least chromatography has found no trace of fossilised plastic mugs or cubes of cheese and pineapple on toothpicks. The world is not yet ready for such an antedating of the perils and

pleasures of the publishers' book-launch. But these Flintstone funsters have beaten previous wine experts into a Stone Age pottery jar. For they were cultivating man's first hangover millennia before Noah first planted his vineyard. Noah then drank so which from it that he felt sparkling, though s family found him unusually talkative, and the author of Genesis called him drunk. The first wine-drinkers knew that when young Homer called the sea wine-dark, he was merely commenting on the taste as well s the colour of Greek red wine. Their presumptuous but amusing little vintage from Oldbins makes even their Persian destendant Omar Khayyam sound immature in his passion for the daughter of the vine. So wine emerges as one of the first not the

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middle rungs on the ladder of man's long ascent. This Neolithic vintage, which is not merely prephylloxera but antediluvian, comes from the dawn of civilisation. It was fermented and bottled at a time when man was learning to cultivate grains, packing in the hunter-gathering and building his first settlements - with village bistro. Because wine has played so important a part in man's religious, medical, economic and plastered development, this Neolithic special offer will have a big scholarly kick.

But it also helps to redefine Homo sapiens as little lower than the angels. Scientists have previously tried to characterise man as a tool-making animal, the animal that laughs, a social animal and a two-legged featherless animal. But chimpanzees make tools. Cats have a sense of humour. And ants are social. It is true that some dogs and horses have been trained - by man - to drink beer, though less often wine. If wine is man's third oldest activity, perhaps he should be

redefined as the creature who makes wine. Homo Vinibibens? Wine maketh glad the heart of man. Wine gives strength to weary men. It makes man wiser and wittier, at any rate in his own eyes. It comforts the pains, frustrations and irritations of the wicked world. Post-modernist or, it now turns out, Neolithic. Of course, drunk without discretion, it can give man a hangover. But that is a price man has been happy to pay since opening time in the first chance bar.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Britain's policies towards Europe

From Mr Tim Rathbone, MP for Lewes (Conservative)

Sir, The peculiar attitude of many scientists and governments to the so-called beef crisis deserves to be met by British pressures on European Union partners to help bring about a change of mind. But to extend that pressure through the programme of vetoes to include blocking the 1997 budget for the drugs unit of Europol really seems very peculiar and self-defeating.

Europol is an organisation design-

ed specifically to help meet and overcome the continuing threat from organised crime, international fraud and drug trafficking. Britain has energetically led the campaign for tighter measures, and has supported Europol as essential to such efforts. So, to block this now is contrary to British policy and to the interests of the British people, especially our young.

To cut off your own nose to spite your face is pretty ridiculous; to harm future generations by such actions is indefensible. Let us hope that the Home Secretary will think again before pursuing this self-destructive negation of all other government efforts to tackle crime and drugs problems to-

Yours truly, TIM RATHBONE (Chairman, All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group), House of Commons.

From Mr Lyndon Harrison, MEP for Cheshire West and Wirral (Socialist Group (Labour))

Sir, It is excellent news that on Sunday Germany and Britain established a joint embassy building in Reykjavik. Foreign Ministers Malcolm Rifkind and Dr Werner Hoyer presided, demonstrating a cessation in Britain's absurd policy of non-cooperation with its EU partners.

Dr Hoyer commented that there is no reason why the EU member countries should be represented in third countries with up to 15 embassies plus a European Commission office. I ag-ree and, indeed, go further, A single EU embassy would introduce enormous opportunities for efficiency, as well as giving a more effective voice for Britain and Europe in our diplomatic work.

Privately, ambassadors have ag-reed with me when I have visited British and EU embassies around the world. Now is the time to take this proposition seriously.

Yours etc. LYNDON HARRISON Socialist spokesperson, Asean and Korean Delegation). Watergate Building. Crane Wharf, Chests

From Lord Pearson of Rannoch

Sir. Mr Gerry Kiely, the European Commission's spokesman for agriculture, perpetuates typical Euro-propaganda when he says: "The EU is funding 70 per cent of the compensation for British farmers" (letter, June 3).

The Government confessed in the Lords on April 25 that "the European Union is indeed meeting 70 per cent of the cost of the programme which has been agreed to date. But we meet 71 per cent of that 70 per cent. Therefore, the net position is that we are paying 80 per cent and our partners from the European Union are paying 20 per

European solidarity strikes again. Yours faithfully, PEARSON of RANNOCH. House of Lords.

From Mr Jullien Gaer

Sir. Given the current deadlock over the export of and consumer confid-ence in British beef, it behaves the industry as a whole to adopt a more robust defence of its product than that undertaken so far.

Perhaps they should follow the example of their counterparts in northern Queensland, where car stickers bearing the following slogan are commonplace: "Eat beef, you bastards. This is cattle country".

Yours faithfully, JULLIEN GAER, Flat I, 3 Sinclair Gardens, W14.

Switching off

From Dr Christopher Williams, JP Sir. Are people without dogs, wives, guns or cars ever sent notices from the respective licensing authorities asking them to declare that they are without these appendages? No. So why must people without television sets suffer such an inquiry?

This "guilty until you declare you are innocent" approach is offensive and ineffective. Those harassed will include people with sight impairments, and people too poor to afford a television licence yet too honest to watch without one. Those who watch illegally are hardly likely to own up.

These inquiry forms have no legal status, and TV Licensing refuses to change its ways. I propose a national protest in support of those harassed -

Yours sincerely, C. WILLIAMŠ. University of Cambridge, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences. Free School Lane, Cambridge,

Call for pressure on Sudan regime

From Lieutenant-Colonel Neil Winship (retd)

Sir. Bernard Levin (article, May 31) ends his incredible, shocking and - I am sure from personal experience true report on the Sudan by asking what we can do. I suggest the cessation of trade and aid from charities as well as governments wherever it enters under the control of the Khartoum regime.

Southern Sudan can be linked log-istically with Kenya, Uganda and Zaire just as easily as with the North of Sudan; it was very nearly linked politically as well when the British were preparing Sudan for indepen-dence. The Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement and Army (SPLA), which controls an area the size of France, has as much legitimacy as the Khartoum regime, which unlawfully toppled Sadiq el Mahdi's government (a gov-ernment itself which had no mandate from Southern voters).

It will be hard for aid agencies to stop their development projects among the innocent poor of the North. It was, however, abundantly clear during the aid rush of 1985-87 that humanitarian aid enabled Khartoum to devote more resources to oppressing the South than if it had had to relieve the drought-caused famine in the North unaided. Aid through Khartourn and Port Sudan may try to target the rural poor in the North, but inevitably most of the wages and supporting expenditure goes to towns-people -- those who would probably riot if farmers were paid a fair price

Meanwhile the Khartoum regime arms the Mujahidin and other "friendly forces" who have habitually raided the South for slaves and do not have even the glimmer of morality and discipline found in the Sudanese

(Northern) Army.

The Archbishop of Canterbury gave us a lead by refusing to bow to Khartourn over his visit to the South (leading article, December 30, 1993) and then with a clarion call for Muslim/Christian tolerance and peaceful co-existence (leading article, October 11, 1995) during his delayed visit to the

Yours faithfully, NEIL WINSHIP (Aid worker, Band Aid/World Vision, 1985-87), Westhill, Copdock, Ipswich, Suffolk.

From Mr Bona Malwal

Sir. In answer to Mr Levin's pertinent creating safe and secure humanitar-ian relief corridors in the war-affected gime from disrupting relief to the

Such actions would go some way to reinforce and strengthen the brave efforts of individual humanitarian and human-rights organisations like Christian Solidarity International and its United Kingdom president, Baroness Caroline Cox. Furthermore, the international community should encourage the efforts of the Sudanese National Democratic Alliance (NDA) which are aimed at restoring peace to the country.

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question, "what can we do against savages?"; for a start, the present mild United Nations sanctions against the

National Islamic Front (NIF) regime in Khartoum should be tightened by including an arms embargo, and by areas of the country to prevent the re-

Yours faithfully, BONA MALWAL (Editor).

Democracy and reform of the Lords

From the Director of Charter 88

Sir, Roger Scruton seems to argue (article, May 29) that a person's opinion should count because of their material or social position, and if this is swept away by "democracy" it inevitably leads to the tyranny of the majority (a prospect that would not be welcome by Charter 88).

The founding fathers of the American Republic thought long and hard about the problems of majoritarian rule and passed a Bill of Rights as an amendment to their constitution to protect individuals against any such tyranny. A genuinely pluralist democracy will not give additional weight to people because of money or birth, nor will it assume the majority is always right, but it will, through a combination of institutions and culture, strike a balance between majority and min-

ority interests. There is nothing "continental" about the institutions and culture of democracy. The ideas of the separation of powers, of representative democracy, of a charter of rights, of the rule of law, all have a long histori-cal lineage in English political thought. British representatives have probably drafted more constitutions for more countries since the Second World War than any other compar-

able body of public servants. The European Convention on Human Rights was drafted by British civil servants and reflected the values and principles of common law liberty. Many of the most important post-war human-rights treaties reflect "our" values and beliefs. It is sensible to accept, having drafted so much and thought so much about the governing arrangements of others, that we take

time to reflect upon our own. The issue is not Charter 88's support, which is a lot broader than Ro-Scruton may imagine. The real issue is the growing public concern about the way we are governed. From the concerns of the Scott report to the power of unelected quangos there is a tangible sense of decay in our political institutions. These are not minority concerns, or the grievances of a few seeking power. These are, as opinion polls make clear, the concerns of the

majority of the people in this country. The task for organisations like Charter 88 is to turn these wider concerns into realistic, practical and incremental proposals of change.

Roger Scruton is right to say that constitutional reform must express and reflect a wide consensus. But this is not an argument against change. Rolling constitutional change is a feature of the British political system regardless of the party in power. The next stage of that change must involve a more democratic and representative parliament, the projection of human rights in law and a substantial decentralisation of power from Westmin-

Yours faithfully, ANDREW PUDDEPHATT. Director. Charter 88. Exmouth House, 3-11 Pine Street, ECI. June 4.

From Dr Brian Porter

Sir. Professor Colin Harbury's suggestion (letter, May 20) that the House of Lords might be reformed on the basis of proportional representation could be realised by the simple expedient of introducing weighted voting in

If, after every general election, and for the duration of that Parliament, peers taking the whip were allotted a ratio of votes proportional to the vot-ing strengths of their parties in the country, with perhaps 20 per cent reserved for crossbenchers, not only would there be no need to alter the present composition of the House, but its present acute party bias would be removed at a stroke.

In this way might the Lords reflect an alternative democratic principle whereby voters supporting losing parliamentary candidates would not feel that their votes had been wasted.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN PORTER, University of Kent, Department of Politics and International Relations. Canterbury, Kent. May 24.

Witness support

From the Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Sir, The Presidents of the British Psychological Society and of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers both advocate specific training in courtroom technique for expert witnesses at trials (letters. May 30, June 4). My institute and the Academy of Experts, with various others, have been providing such training over a number of

As an arbitrator, however, I have this dilemma: should I ask a witness if he has been trained professionally to give me a convincing presentation? How should I consider the evidence of someone who has been trained to give

Yours faithfully. GEOFFREY HARTWELL Chairman, The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. International Arbitration Centre, 24 Angel Gate, ECI. June 4.

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Prince at Eton

From Professor Hugh Stephenson

Sir, Eton and the Buckingham Palace press office were presumably delighted with your front page coverage of Prince William's "precocious talent" as an artist (report, June I). The desire to project such a positive royal story is completely understandable.

But have they forgotten the sensible line that was taken when the Prince first went to Eton? There was to be one first and last photo opportunity and then the media were requested to let the child alone in privacy to be as ordinary a public school boy as possible. Lord Wakeham, for the Press Complaints Commission, came in strongly with editors on the point.

But your average precociously artistic Etonian would not find his work reviewed by the arts correspondent of a national newspaper. If the privacy line is to be held it must be total. Royal privacy cannot work on the basis of the media being helped to write nice things about the Prince's schooling. but being expected to leave all other aspects of his life alone.

Yours faithfully, HUGH STEPHENSON, City University, Department of Journalism, Northampton Square, ECl.

Sale of television rights for sport

From the Chief Executive of the Rugby Football League and others

Sir, We believe that legislation should not attempt to remove from us our power to negotiate the sale of broadcasting rights. We have been meeting to see how such issues, especially the allocation of highlights of important events, can best be decided.

Different events have their own characteristics and requirements; it is difficult for blanket legislation to provide adequately for, say, a three-minute horse race, a one-day cricket series, a four-day golf tournament and a

fortnight-long tennis tournament.
The extension of listed events to subscription television would cause serious financial loss to the sports covered, but to extend statutory powers to cover highlights as well would deal a

body blow to British sport. In consultation with the Sports Council, the sports governing bodies have agreed to a voluntary code of conduct to cover the sale of live, re-corded and highlights to terrestrial and satellite channels. It seeks to strike an appropriate balance between best commercial advantage and the wider long-term interests of sports

and the sporting public. The existing arrangements of the Test and County Cricket Board, the Football Association and the Rugby Football Union already reflect the balance between terrestrial and satellite which the code requires, while the Royal & Ancient Golf Club has made a commitment to retain the Open Championship on terrestrial television during renegotiation of the con-

tract this year. We trust that the House of Commons standing committee which is examining the Broadcasting Bill will accept that the governing bodies of sport will stand by this undertaking to con-duct negotiations for television contracts responsibly.

Yours faithfully, MAURICE LINDSAY (Chief Executive, Rugby Football League). MICHAEL BONALLACK (Secretary, Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews), TONY HALLETT (Secretary, Rugby Football Union). STANLEY JACKSON (Managing Director, Race Course Association **GRAHAM KELLY** (Chief Executive, The Fortball Association), PETER RADFORD Executive Chairman. British Athletics Federations KEN SCHOFIELD (Executive Director, PGA European Tour). ALAN SMITH Chief Executive, TCCB. e/o The Central Council of Physical Recreation. House, Francis Street, SWI.

Rorke's Drift VCs

From Mr A. P. Brenton

Sir, Major Snook (letter, May 27) may be unaware of an appendix to Nor-man Holme's book, The Silver Wreath, published in 1979, which covers the 24th Foot at Isandhiwana and Rorke's Drift. This details the "places of attestation" of men of the 1st and 2nd Battalions who were present at Rorke's Drift. Of the 70 soldiers listed iofficers and other ranks), 43 had artested in England, 14 in Ireland, 10 in Wales and one each in Scotland, India and France,

I recognise that the "place of attestation" is not necessarily the birthplace but if, as Major Snook suggests, most were young Welshmen they certainly were widespread before joining the 24th Foot.

Yours sincerely, TONY BRENTON, 4 Lynmouth Rise, St Mary Cray, Orpington, Kent

Out of order

From the Reverend Graham Palmer Sir. Three years ago I was asked by a pregnant parishioner to arrange a date, safely far enough ahead, for the baptism of her child (the Reverend G. M. Gill's letter. June 1), and at the same time to book her wedding in the year after that.

One can admire such forethought, but I fear that religious considerations were of small importance. The primary concern was the planning of parties, with the need to have suffitient funds to hand at the right time and a hall available for the celebra-

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM PALMER, St Alban's Vicarage. 4 Margravine Road, W6.

Wonders of the world

From the Reverend Michael Lloyd

Sir, The Yorkshire cricketers to whom Dr Goldberg refers (letter, June 5) would doubtless have felt very much at home on their visit to Niagara. Millions of gallons of water draining away with "nowt to stop it" is surely what Yorkshire has become known

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL LLOYD (Chaplain), Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE

Landon SW1.

June 5: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this evening

took the Salute at the Ceremony of

Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Household Division

on Horse Guards, Whitehall,

June 5: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon opened the Pee

Institute's new centre at Percy

Association's Head Office, Globe

House, 8 Curtain Road, London

EC2, and afterwards visited the

German Hospital, Hackney, London E8.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Pa-tron, Counsel and Care, this

evening attended the Annual General Meeting at Draper's Hall,

Throgmorion Avenue, London

June 5: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Vice-Marshal, this after-

lunch, Kingston House North, Prince's Gate, London SW7.

The Duchess of Kent, this more

ing opened the new Magistrates Court, Holbache Road, Oswestry,

and was met on her arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire (Mr Algernon Heber-

Her Royal Highness this after-noon opened Oswestry Transi-tional Housing Scheme, Blenheim

Close, Oswestry, Shropshire.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

June 5: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, left Heathrow Air-port, Landon this afternoon to

attend the opening of the Century of British Sculpture Exhibition at

the Galerie Nationale du Jeu de

Paume, Paris. The Lady Nicholas Gordon Len-

June 4: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened Phase III of North Tyneside General Hospital

at Rake Lane. North Shields, and was received by Her Majesty's

Lord-Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear (Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison). Her Royal Highness sub-

Princess Alexandra, accompa-

nied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended the Marconi International Fellowship Awards Dinner at the Victoria and Albert

nox was in attendance.

n attended an Air Force Board

YORK HOUSE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 5: The Honourable George Bush visited The Queen this

The Duke of Edinburgh, Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Inter-national Association, this after-noon attended a Luncheon at the Ascott Mayfair Hotel, Hill Street,

His Royal Highness, President, Royal Mint Advisory Committee, laser attended the Coin of the Year presentation at the Bank of England, London EC2.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, this evening attended the Chartered Society of Designers 1996 Minerva Dinner at the Institute of Directors, Pall Mall, London SWI. June 5: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening attended Ten Vintage Years" — a wine tasting — at Merchant Taylors' Hall, London

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 5: The Princess Royal today visited Cornwall and was received

visited Cornwall and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (the Lady Mary Holborow). Her Royal Highness this morn-ing visited Curnow School, Drump Road, Redruth. The Princess Royal, Patron, Citizens Advice Bureaux, this after-

noon opened Bude and Stratton Community Project, Bude. Her Royal Highness later visited A.W. Bent Limited, Healthcare Clothing and Textiles, Union Mill.

Bude.

The Princess Royal afterwards visited Zoeftig Limited, Luviscon Factory, King's Hill Industrial Estate, Bude. Her Royal Highness sub-

sequently attended a Garden Party for Cornwall County Association for the Blind at Trewithen, near ST JAMES'S PALACE June 5: The Prince of Wales today

undertook engagements to support investment in Wales.

His Royal Highness was received this morning by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes)

Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Erwes)
and Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent (Sir Richard
Hanbury Tenison) before opening
the Second Severn Crossing.
The Prince of Wales this afternoon opened the new Manufacsequently opened St Clare's Hospice/Primrose Hill Hospital at Jarrow and later visited the Newcastle upon Tyne Dog and Cat Shelter and Animal Sanctuary at Benton Lane, Newcastle upon turing Centre for AIWA (UK) Limited at the AIWA Technology

Park, Newbridge. His Royal Highness this evening gave a Dinner at Highgrove House for potential investors in Welsh Development Agency.

Royal engagements

The Queen will attend a garden party at Bagshot Park, Surrey, at 3.00 to mark the bicentenary of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department. The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, will present the 1996 City and Guilds Prince Philip medal and silver and bronze medals at Buckingham Palace at 11.30; will attend a luncheon at the Connaught Hotel at 12.35: will visit the Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore at 2.15; and, as preside will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 6.30 to welcome delegates to the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth's enth biennial conference. The Princess Royal will be the reviewing officer at Founder's Day at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, at 10.00; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will attend a luncheon at NW), at 1.00. Later, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will amend the Sail for Gold Ball at the London Hilton on Park Lane at

Museum, South Kensington, London SW7. The Duke of Gloucester, as Honorary Colonel of The Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia), will be present at the regimental centenary celebrations at Monmouth Castle at 10.30; and will attend a concert at Wyastone Leys at 6.15 in aid of the Army

Benevolent Fund. The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (ASBAH) will attend a conference at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre at 10.55 to mark the 30th anniversary of ASBAH; and will take the salute at Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Household Division on Horse Guards at 8.30.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the British Computer Society, will switch on the Colossus cryptographic computer at Bletc Park, Bletchley, a 9.50; as Visitor, will attend a lecture at Cranfield University, at 1.05 to mark the 50th anniversary of the university's founding: and will open the new technology centre of Fuji Photo Film (United Kingdom), Unit 15, St Martin's Way, Bedford, at 2.45.

ROSTON - On June 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Andriana and Paul, a benuitul daughter, Rianna Anny, a granddaughter for Mariene Michael, Katine.

WILLIAMS - On June 3rd, to Clare and Andrew, a son, Oliver Schaetian Jemes.

BABHOW - James Harrison, Engineer, On 2nd June 1996 aged 80. Higsbund of Ann, father of George, Private cressition at Horeford.

DEATHS

Birthdays today

The King of the Belgians celebrates his 62nd birthday today. Sir Derek Alun-Jones. company director, 63; Mrs Sara Banerji, writer, 64; Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, whiter, 64; Sir Isaaan Bertin, OM, former president, British Academy, 87; Professor B. Bleaney, physicist, 81; Mr David Blunkett, MP, 49; Mr Bjorn Borg, tennis player, 40; Lord Carrington, KG, CH, 77; Mr David Chipp, former folion, of hist Brees Accounting Editor-in-Chief, Press Association, 69; Dame Ninette de Valois, OM, CH, founder, Royal Ballet, 98: Mr Paul Esswood, counter-tenor, 54; Mr Mike Gatting, cricketer, 39; Lord Gladwin of Clee, 66; Mr Iain Hamilton, composer, 74: Professor R.A. Humphreys, Latin American historian, 89: Mr J. Kay-Mouat, former President of the States of Later His Royal Highness, Pa-tron, New Islington and Hackney Housing Association, visited the Alderney, 63; Lord Kings Norton, 94; Mr Willie-John McBride, former rugby player, 56; Sir Robin Maxwell-Hystop, former MP, 65; the Marquess of Milford Haven, 35; Sir Douglas Morpeth, chartered accountant, 72; Sir Bryan Nicholson, former chairman, Post Office, 64; Air Marshal Sir Charles Pringle, 77; Dr M. Richardson, Principal, Graduate Society, Dur-ham University, 56; Dr Ruth Sanger, haematologist, 78; Lord Stodart of Leaston, 80; Mr Klaus Tennstedt, conductor, 70; Mr R.J. Tyrrell, chairman, The Henley Centre for Forecasting, 45: Mr Frank Tyson, former cricketer, 60; Miss Billie Whitelaw, actress, 64: Sir Donald Wilson, former chair-man, North West Regional Health

Lord Margadale

A Memorial Service for Lord Margadale, of Islay, will be held on Monday, July 15, 1996, at 3.00pm, at Salisbury Cathedral. All welcome, but applications for reserved seating can be made to The Secretary, Fonthill House, Tisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 SSA.

Professor Peter Nailor

A memorial service for Peter Nailor, late Provost of Gresham College, will be held at the Guild Church of St Andrew, Holborn on Friday, June 28, 1996, at 11.30am. Further details from Gresham College, 0171 831 0575.

Lecture

Royal Society Professor Alastair Scott, FRS, gave the Royal Society Bakerian Lecture yesterday at 6 Carlton House Terrace, SWI. Sir Aaron Klug, OM, FRS, president of the society, was in the chair.

Receptions

HM Government Mr Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr John Taylor, Parliamentary Under Sec-retary of State for Competition and Consumer Affairs, presided at a reception given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House to mark the 30th anniversary of industrial

Brasenose Society Mr Stephen Dorrell, MP, was the host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Commons for members of the Brasenose Society. Mr Robin Gill, President, and Lord Windlesham, Principal of Brasenose College, Oxford, also spoke.

Service luncheon

Royal Regiment of Artillery General Sir Martin Farndale Master Gunner, St James's Park, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich, for Lieutenant-General P.O. du Preez, General o the South African Gunners, and to mark the re-instatement of the formal alliance between the Royal Regiment of Artillery and the South African Artillery.

1759 and Stubbs later painted the horse for its owner the 2nd Marquess of Rockingham. Whistlejacket was not an easy sitter and, having caught sight of Stubbs working on the picture, is said to have attempted to fight and kick it

Dinners

Corporation of London The Lord Mayor and Lady May-oress, accompanied by the Sherifts and their Ladies, received the guests at a dinner given at Guildhall last night by the Corporation of London to mark the visit of the President of Ireland and Mr Nicholas Robinson. Among

George Stubbs's life-size painting of the racehorse Whistlejacket which is now on long-term loan to the National Gallery from a private collection. Whistlejacket

won a famous victory over four miles for 2,000 guineas at Newmarket in August

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Luncheons

The Prime Minister and Mrs

held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of President Mary

Robinson and Mr Nicholas Robin-

Robinson and Mr Nicholas Robinson. The other guests were:

Mr Dick Spring, the Irish Ambassador and Mrs Barrington. Mr and Mrs Padrate McKertnan, Mr art and Mrs Padrate McKertnan, Mr Brian McCarthy, Mr Peter Ryan, Ms Bride Rosney. Mr John Burke. Mr Niall Burgets. Colonel Bernard Howard. Sir Patrick Mayhew. Oc. Mp, and Lady Mayhew. Mr Michael Ancram. Mr. and Lady Jane Ancram. Mr Alastair Goodlad. MP, the Artholshop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. Cardinal Bassil Hume. the Cardinal Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. Cardinal Bassil Hume. the Cardinal Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. the Right Rev Dr John Ross, the Rev Chris Walpole, Mr David Trimble, MP, and Mrs Hume. Mr John Hume. MP, and Mrs Hume, Mr John Hume. MP, and Mrs Hume. Mr Andrew Hunter, MP, and Mrs Hunter, Mr Clive Soley, MP, and Mrs Soley, Sir George and Lady Quigley. Sir Marrin and Lady Jacomb. Sir Richard and Lady Greenbury, Mr and Mrs Paddy Wright. Mr and Mrs Jack Charton. Mr Richard Dunwoody. Miss Emma Hearnley, Professor John Arbuthnott and Dr E Arbuthnot. Professor and Mrs Roy Poster. Mr Robert and the Hon Mrs Kee. Mr and Mrs Edward Mortimer, Sir Robin and

Robert and the Hon Mrs Kee Mr and Mrs Edward Mortimer, Sir Robin and Lady Butler, Sir David and Lady Fell. Mr A I Sutherland and Mrs Veronica Sutherland and Mr and Mrs John Holmes.

The Chairman of the London

Institute. Mr Julian E. Markham, was host at a luncheon held on

Headquarters in Davies Street,

WI. The guests included:
Mr Kenneth Baker, CH, MP: Mr
François Nordmann, Ambassador of
Switzerland; Sir William Stubbs,
Chief Executive, Further Education
Funding Council: Mr Rod Bishop,
Managing Director, Polaroid; Mrs
Jenifer Rosenberg, OBE.

Mr Marcus Hope to be Ambassador

(non-resident) to the Congo in succession to Mr Roger Westbrook who has moved to a new appointment.

day, June 4, at the Institute's

The London Institute

Ambassador

ajor were the hosts at a luncheon

Prime Minister

those present were:

The Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Ireland, the Irish Ambassador and Mrs Barrington, the Secretary to the President, the Secretary to the President and Mrs McKernan, the Assistant Secretary to the Government. The Special to the Government, the Special to the Government, the Special of Prolocol to the President, the Private Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister, the Addede Camp to the President, the Ambassador of Finland and Mrs Biomqvist, the Ambassador of Luxembourg and Mrs Weyland, the Belgian Ambassador, the Ambassador of Germany and Frau Oesterheit, the Danish Ambassador. Viscount and Viscounts didmouth, Lord Fraser of Carmyllle, Lord and Lady Holme of Chellenham, Baroness Denion of Wakefleid, Lord and Lady Lester of Herne Hill Lord and Lady Lester of Herne Hill Lord and Landy Lester of Lester Landy Landy

Lady Holme of Chelienham. Baroness Denison of Wakefield. Lord and Lady Lener of Herne Hill, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Lady Maynew, the Minister of State. Northern Ireland Office, and Lady Wheeler, inc Governor of the Bank of England and Mrs George. Sir Robert and Lady Stane Fellowes. Sir John and Lady Hanson, Sir David and Lady Orr, Sir Giles and Lady Shaw. Sir Christopher and Lady Bland, Sir Michael and Lady Perry, the Ambassador to Ireland and Mr Sutherland, the Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis and Lady Condon, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster. Commander Peter and Lady Moyra. Representatives of the Irish Embassy, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their Bussess.

Industrial Tribugals Judge Lawrence, President of Industrial Tribunals for England and Wales, presided at a dinner held last night at the Cavalry and

Guards Club for regional chairmen of the tribunals. Mr Justice Mummery and Judge Peter Clark. Judges of the Employment Appeal Tribunal. Mr John Maguire. President of Industrial Tribunals. Northern Ireland, and Mr M.B. Wilson, secretary of the tribunals.

Service dinner

London Scottish Regiment The annual dinner of the London Scottish Officers' Dinner Club was held last night at the Regimental Headquarters, Westminster, Colo-nel R.D. Holliday, Colonel of the London Scottish Regiment, pre-

Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire

Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Johnston to be Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire in succession to Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs who will retire on June 22.

Appointments

Dr Stuart John Hill to be Chief Land Registrar and Chief Exec-utive of HM Land Registry from June 17, in succession to Mr John Manthorpe, who is retiring. Mr Thomas Brendan Hegarty,

QC, to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the Northern Circuit. Mr Paul Gamba to be a District Judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.N. Bound and Miss M.M. Williams The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Dr and Mrs Harry Bound, of St Peter Port, Guernsey, and Mary, daughter of Dr and Mrs Benjamin Williams, of Champaign, Illinois.

MICHAEL POWEL

Mr M.J.H. Brown and Miss A.N. Hordern The engagement is announced between Mannew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Don Brown, of Winchester, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Hordern, of Cane End, South

Mr P.T. Claridge and Miss D. Salvador-Lai Mrs Dinah A.E. Salvador-Lai, of Malaysia, is pleased to announce Maraysia, is pleased to announce the official engagement of her youngest daughter. Diane, to Patrick, youngest snn of Mrs Pam Beryl Claridge, of Braintree, on May 25, 1996, at Villa San Michele,

Mr C.S. Delaney and Ms D.M. Lennon

The engagement is announced between Charles, first son of Captain Kenneth Delaney, Royal Leicestershire Regiment, retd, and Mrs Delaney, of Warminster, Wiltshire, and Dympna, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Malachy Lennon, of Bangor. Co Down, Northern Ireland. Mr E.M. Dutton

and Miss S.R.P. Humphreys
The engagement is announced
between Edward, youngest son of
Mr and Mrs J.M.R. Outlon, of Awbridge, Hampshire, and Susannah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.W. Humphreys, of Hazel End. near Stortford.

Mr G.W. Fuller

and Miss E.A. Jones The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of the late Mr J.W.P. Fuller and of Mrs J. Fuller, of Sittingbourne, Kent, and Elizabeth, daughter of the late Dr J.D. Jones and of Mrs B. Jones, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R. Hughes and Miss C.S.A. Wiltshire The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Professor nd Mrs Martin Hughes, of Rickmansworth. Hertfordshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Wiltshire, of Hampstead, London.

Mr Z. Iqbal and Miss C. Hoyle The engagement is announced between Zak, only son of Iqbal and Jean Igbal, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Clara, only daughter of Brian and Pat Hoyle, of Durban, South Africa.

Mr R.J. Mackrill and Miss C.E.L Lillie The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Mackrill, of West Malling, Kent, and Cindy, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs John Lillie, of Beaconsfield, Montreal.

Sir Gareth Rhys Williams, Bt, and Miss H. Codner The engagement is announ between Gareth, son of the late Si Brandon Rhys Williams, Bt. MP.

and of Lady Rhys Williams, of London and Mid Glamorgan, and Harriet, daughter of Major and Mrs Tom Codner, of Gloucester-

Mr D.J. The Mr D.J. Thompson and Miss H.N. Barber

and wiss The Ballet is announced between Daniel, son of Mr P. Thompson, of Bridgend, Glamorgan, and Ms C. Dellen, of Hebden Bridge. Yorkshire, and Harriet, rwin daughter of Mr R. Barber, of Tresco, Isles of Scilly, and Mrs J. Hincheliffe, of Marston, Dorset, Mr K. Line

and Miss R.F. Barber The engagement is announced between Kim, son of Mr and Mrs G. Line, of Futham, and Rosalind, twin daughter of Mr R. Barber, of Tresco, Isles of Scilly, and Mrs J. Hinchcliffe, of Marston, Dorset. Mr S.J. Whittaker

and Miss A.C. Stephe The engagement is announced between Sam, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Roger Whittaker, of likley, and Anna, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Stephenson, of Bedford.

Mr T.M.B. Whittome and Senorita N.G. Navas The engagement is announced between Tim. elder son of the Rev and Mrs Donald Whittome, of Poynings, Sussex, and Germania. daughter of Senor and Senora lose R. Navas, of Quito, Ecuador.

Marriages

Mr J.W.T.W. Fiennes and Miss C.H. Newton-Davies The marriage took place on Sat-urday, at St Andrew and St Mary the Virgin, Fletching, Sussex, o Mr James Fiennes, younger son of the Very Rev the Hon Oliver and Mrs Fiennes, of Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, to Miss Caroline Newton-Davies, elder daughter of Mr John Newton-Davies, of Sandridge, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Diana Whiteside, of Challey, Sussex. The Rev John Witheridge officiated, assisted by Canon

Derek Whitehead.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Philippa Newton-Davies, Charlotte and Emily Longlowell and Charlotte Suckling. Mr Adam Fiennes was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon

will be spent abroad. The Hon Edward Kay-Shuttleworth and Miss N. Cortez

The marriage took place in Chel-sea, on Wednesday, June 5, 1996, of the Hon Edward Kay-Shuttle worth, son of the late Lord and Lady Shuttleworth, of Leck, Lancashire, to Miss Noemi Cornez, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Delfin Cortez, of the Philippines.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Velázquez, painter, Seville. 1599: Pierre Corneille, dramatist, Rouen, 1606; Alexander Pushkin, writer, Moscow, 1799: William Ralph Inge. Dean of St Paul's 1911-34, Crayke, Yorkshire. 1860; Robert Falcon Scott, Antarctic explorer. Devonport, 1868; Thomas Mann. novelist, Lübeck, Germany, 1875; William Cosgrave, President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State 1912-32

DEATHS: George Anson. Baron. Anson, admiral and navigator. Moor Park, Hertfordshire, 1762: Henry Grattan, Irish patriot, London, 1820; Jeremy Bentham, philosopher, London, 1831; Count Camillo di Cavour, Italian nutriot. Turin, 1861: Sir John Macdonald. Prime Minister of Canada 1867-73 and 1878-91. Ottawa, 1891: Carl Gustav Jung, psychologist, Zurich. 1961: Robert Kennedy, American

Attorney-General, shot, Los An-

geles, died this day, 1968. The first public museum, the

Ashmolean, was opened by salas Ashmole, Oxford, 1683. D-Day, when Allied troops landed in Normandy, 1944. Eighty-Four was published,

Latest wills

Mr Geoffrey John Eustace James son, of London SWIO, managing director of Justerini and Brooks 1968-85, left estate valued at £761.U72 net.

He left his Queen Anne Garrick Glass with bevelled edge and his small gift framed piece of paper signed by John Green 1928 to the Garrick Club. Helen Hill, of London, NWS, left

estate valued at £1.614.390 net. She died intestate. Aranka Braun, of London, W8, left estate valued at E586.182 net.
She left £6.000 and effects to personal legatess. £3.000 to the INF Charitable Trust. and the residue to Tel Aviv University Trust.

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well. Psetos 18 : 26,29 (REB)

BARSHARI - On May 29th at The Bertland Hospital, to U

ERESFORD - On June 2nd at The Portland Hospital, in Maria Teresa and Charles, a beautiful boy, brother to William and Carolina.

indical - On June 4th 1996 in Limenthoury, to Anne and Patrick, a son, François, i brother for Tom.

FINLAYBON - On May 23rd, to Kate (née Vivian) and Alick a son, Clames Anthony Charles), a brother for Archie.

LODGE - On 4th June 1996. to Angela (née Garmann) and Nick, a beautiful daughter. Harriet May.

MARULA - Mishika born May 26th at The Portis Hospital a beautiful daugh

RUBLETT - On 3rd June at Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, to Valeria and Anthony, a son, Andrew Robert, a brother for Julia.

MCHANDS - On 21st May 1996, to Cathe and Edwin, a daughter. Amy-Laure.

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AOBERTS - On 23th May
1996 at Musgrove Park
Hospital, Somersel, to Laura
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PERSONAL COLUMN

DEATHS FREW - On May Sist 1995
Molly Granam, aged 108
years. Wife of the into James
Allen Frew. mother of
Graham and Audrey. et.
Little Ann. Andover.
Formerly of Kilsyth.
Listurale, Port Enen, Iday
and Wallasey. All engodries
to Helcrow & Sons Funeral
Directors. dA Bridge Street.
Andover, Hands. SP10 1EH,
let (0126) 3535254. HARMS - Alfred Joseph O.B.E. on June 5th 1996, beloved husband of Bethy and loving father of Anthony and Duncan. Memorial Service at Langham Church on Thursday June 20th 1996 at 2.30 pm. Lonations if desired to The British Heart Feundation t/o Fords of Oatham. 8 Church Street, Oatham. Rutiand, tel: (01572) 722654.

BARDHER - On June 5th 1995 Dinlary, belowed wife of the late Geoffrey and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at 5t Michael and All Angels Church, Summinghm, on Toesday June 11th at 3gm. No Sowers, Donallons 10 Bernard Cuff Dog Septemary, Asont Co Gyri H. Lovegove, 29C High Street, Summinghill 51.5 St.P.

SELEIT - On June 3rd 1996 at her home Mary Morten Emmin spec 73 years, loved and missed by 41. Fuseral Service at Alderton Church on Friday June 7th at 3 pm. Flowers may be sent to G.W. Smith (Alderton) Ltd. Puseral Directons, 50 The Street, Alderton, 1912 58L.

DAVIES - Graham Hardey ded at home on June Brd aged 56. Husband of Carolyn, father of Louise. Charles. Chloe and Josephine. Funeral 12 neon Tuesday 11th June St George's Church. Pontesbury. Donations to Canex Retief Macadian or the Sameritore. DUNCAN - James John Kirk aged 78 on 1st June 1996 at Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead with his devoted ORMAN - On 3rd Jun dORMAN - On Srd June. Anné nhè Beschi, quiety si hogie, as she wanted, after a digicult hat year burne with realisence, dignity and a researchable inner strength. She will be hugely missed by family and firends and for Caris. Matthew and June so irreplaceable. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Michael's Church, Bishop's Storriord on Wednesday 19th June at wife Pietroite by this side. A loving humbend and doting father to its daughter Fisca and so it Andrew. He will be remembered with great love as a true gentleman. Foneral Service at Golders Green Cremborium Monday 10th June at 12 noon. Flowers if desired to A. France & Son. 14 Watterd Way, NW4 JAD. FAIR - Donald Priest, passed away suddenly on 3rd June 1996, much loved husband of Marjorie, father of Christopher and brother of John, Dereck, James and Summe. Funeral Service at 12 noon, Friday 14th June at Mortlake Crematorium, Richreond, Survey, Family flowers under the passes of the prior of the passes o

GOTCH - David Henry Mervyn at home on June 3rd. Furmer Hend of English at Balley Grammar School, Balley. Yorks. Son of the late Mervyn and Cryssely (nice Drew). Puneral at St. John's Crepatorium, Wolding, June 12th at 12 noom. Enguires Wolding Funeral Service (01483) 772266.

DEATHS

HARTMAN - Sandra
Virginia, anddenly at home
in London on June 14 1996.
Belowed mother, daughter
and friend to many. Private
burial. Mentorial Service at
(R Linke a Church, Chelsen, at
11 km on Tounday June 11th
1996. Please, no flowers, if
desired dopalions to The Iris
Fund for Prevention of
Stindness c/o Leverton &
Soos 12d. Funeral Directura.
212 Eversholf Street, London
NW1 1BD.

HENDERSON - Elmstie Deborah Rodes (née Creen) peacefully after a short times aged 35, widow of LL. Nigel T.B. Tibbits R.N. (decd.) and John G.D. Henderson (R.N.R.), much loved mother of Andrew. Sellina and Soptie. Pameral Service at St Peter's Church. High Cross. Frontiedd, at 12 noom Thursday 20th June followed by private burish. Family flowers only. Donations for the R.N.L.I. may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 32-34 Parkstone Road, Pools. Daned.

JAEGER - Marjorie died pescelulty and with dignity in Northwood and Pinner Comminity Hospital on 5th June 1996, Funeral will take place at Emanance Carrch, place at Emmanuel Church, Northwood, on Wednesday 12th June at 1 pm. No

JERGER - Walter, 74 years of age, in a climbing accident in the Pyrences. Dearly beloved husband of Yokande, loving father of Megan and Victoria, adored son of Anne and Walter, dear brother of Robin and Jacide-Anne. He died doing what he greathy loved, Private family funeral in Brassis on Baturiey. 8th June. Address: Avenue des Perdrix 7. Krasinem 1960, Brumele.

KENDALI - On June 2nd Arthur Christopher Victor. loved husband of Margaret and son of Rev. H.G.O. Kendali aged 79. Fumeral will leave 5 Spurway. Baursled, 2 pm June 11th for Vinters Crematorium. Cancer Rollel donations in

LYNCH-ROBINSOR - On June 3rd, peacefully following a massive stroke, Sir Niail Bryen Lynch-Robinson 3rd Baronel, D.S.C. and Croix de Giserre. Very desiry loved hashand for over 56 years of Rosemary, loving father of Dominick and the tate Panny, father-in-law of Victoria and Steve and a loved grandfather of five. Funeral private, Family only. No flowers please, donations in lieu to Relate, Winchester c/o Juo Steel and Son. Chesti House, Winchester.

MITCHESON - George Macpherson on June 1st 1996 at the home spec 61 years. Funeral Service at the United Reformed Church. Beaconsteld, June 12th at 1.30 pm. followed by cremation at the Chiterns Crematorium. Family Sovers only but donations it cremation at the Chuseus Crematorium. Family Gowers only but denations it desired to the late Remais Hospice at Home or the imparial Cancer Research Fund c/o H.C. Crimstead

DEATHS NEWSOME - Marjorie Assa aged 62 died May 24th 1996. Friends are invited to Join her family at the Rosslyn Unitarien Church, Harmstead High Shreet, on Saturday June 8th 1996 at Spin for a time of remembrance. MIGHTINGALE - Bad John

of Twickenham. Died peacefully an June 5th at home in his 90th year. Devoted brother of Sill. daughter Anne. grandchildren Alex and Lucy. Enquiries to Freds. Paine, tel: (0181) 892-1784.

PELLOWE - On June 3rd
1996 suddenly at home,
Frances aged 80 years of
Penryn - Cornwall, Muchioved mother of John, She,
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Cameron, KT, DSC, QC, centor of the College of Justice Sentland and Lord of Session, 19585, died on May 31 aged 96. He was born on February 8, 1900.

A LOVER of art and music, John Cameron was one of Scotland's most respected judges. He had a particular latest for criminal law and was a crossexaminer of quiet subtlety. Because of his musually catholic interests, he read a significant contribution to public life, both in Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom. His report on civil rights abuses in Northern Ireland still has currency in government and academic circles.

John Cameron was born into a wellknown Edinburgh legal family. When he left the Edinburgh Academy, where he was dux, he served at sea as a probationary temporary midshipman in the RNVR, taking part in the campaign in the Baltic which rumbled on after the First World War had ended for the rest of his life sailing

was one of his chief pleasures.

At Edinburgh University he took double bencurs in classics and history. and then an LLB with distinction. He was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in 1924. His penchant for criminal work soon became apparent and he served as Advocate-Depute (a Crown pascutor) from 1929 to 1936, when he

As the Second Werld War abproached his detestation of Hitler and ascism became increasingly deeply felt and he served once more in the RNVR At Dunkirk, where he was mentioned in dispatches, he was in charge of one of the last craft to escape hefue the Germans arrived - a mountost which he took out of the narrow channel full speed astern. In 1944 by now a lieutenant-commander, he was awarded the DSC for his galkunty, skill and determination and andaunted devotion to duty" during the Allied landings in

When he returned to the Scottish Bar in 1945, he was appointed Sheriff of Inveness, Elgin and in Nairn, and in 1946 of the successor sheriffdom of Inveriess, Moray, Nairn and Ross and Cromarty. He served on the shrieval bench until 1948.

As a QC he showed great skill with civil and criminal juries, and crossexamined witnesses with deceptive art. Defending in a murder trial, he asked the keyprosecution witness, in a kindly

LORD CAMERON



tone, what happened to people convicted of murder (capital punishment was still in use). The witness replied, with the smile of a simpleton, that he thought they would "get the tawse" (the strap). The court fell silent and his

client, like many others, was acquitted. Lord Cameron was elevated to the bench in 1955, and presided over some of the most famous criminal trials of the age. In the trial of the mass murderer Peter Manuel, he had to offer the accused assistance from the Bench when Manuel dismissed his counsel and conducted his own defence. Upon his conviction Lord Cameron sentenced him to death. In civil cases his work was also

highly regarded. He sat in the First Division, initially with Lord President Clyde and then with Clyde's successor. Lord Emslie. But it was his wide involvement in public life which lent to his career an unusual depth and range. The reports on the inquiries he chaired into a range of issues were notable for their power, clarity and fairness.

In 1955 his court of inquiry into a threatened rail strike ruled that railwaymen should get a fair wage. He led inquiries into the London docks and into the Barbican project and, in 1969, chaired a three-man commission on the disturbances in Northern Ireland. The report upheld the longstanding Roman Catholic grievances.

In 1972 he was appointed a member of the Committee on Contempt of Court and latterly chaired it after the illness of Lord Phillimore. Its recommendations to unify the laws of England and Scotland formed the basis of the Contempt of Court Act of 1981. He also served, 1973-78, on the Royal Commission on Civil Liberty and Compensation for Personal injury.

Lord Cameron, a keen artist and singer of songs, applied his energies over a wide field in the arts. He was active in the affairs of the Edinburgh Gateway Company and the Edinburgh International Festival Society. He was chairman of directors of the Edinburgh Concert Society, and a keen supporter of the Scottish National Orchestra. As chairman of the council of the Cockburn Association he led the campaign to preserve and enhance Edinburgh's architectural heritage, helping it to evade most of the worst excesses of postwar brutalism.

His ancestors were from the North Scotland, and he worked hard for Highland development. He was chairman of the Advisory Panel on the Highlands and Islands, and later of the Highlands and Islands Develop-

ment Consultative Council. In 1962 the Duke of Edinburgh, as Chancellor of Edinburgh University. appointed Lord Cameron as his assessor. The new age of student power was at hand, and Lord Cameron was among those on the university court not entranced by the aspirations of the new breed of student rectors. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, was the second student rector in 1972.

He was knighted in 1954 and appointed a Knight of the Thistle in 1978. Always a popular member of the Scottish Arts Club, his own gifts as an amateur painter amply qualified him for membership. But he also valued three strands in the Scottish tradition its intellectual rigour, its preference for plain fare, and its conviviality. He and others would dine regularly on claret and kippers, or sheep's heid. singed and boiled in a broth, both seasoned with pepper, just as their discourse was seasoned with wit.

John Cameron married Eileen Dorothea Burrell in 1927. She died in 1943. In 1944 he married Iris, widow of Lambert C. Shepherd. He is survived by his son - Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, also a Scottish judge, and a former Lord Advocate - and two daughters from his first marriage.

PETER GLENVILLE

Peter Glenville, stage and screen director and actor, died in New York on June 3 aged 82. He was born in London on October 28, 1913.

IT CAME as no surprise to his undergraduate contemporaries when Peter Glenville abandoned his studies in law at Christ Church, Oxford, to pursue a career in the theatre. Indeed, given his family background, the wonder was that he ever seriously considered becoming a lawyer. His paternal grandmother, Mary Glenville, had been a frequent

player at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin. His father, Shaun Glenville, was an Irish comedian and his mother. Dorothy Ward, carved out a niche as perhaps the greatest principal boy in pantomime. Peter Glenville was educat-

ed at the Jesuits' Stonyhurst College. The die was cast when, as a student actor, he received rave reviews for his starring performance in a college production of Hamlet in the early 1930s. He was elected president of OUDS and from that point on the theatre claimed him.

Although he began as an actor, appearing in the West End and in several British films during the 1940s, his true talent lay in direction. He was engaged as a director by the Old Vic in 1944 and worked with some leading playwrights of the time: Terence Rattigan, Jean Paul Sar-tre, Tennessee Williams, Jean Anouilh, Aldous Huxley and Graham Greene. With credits ranging from

Shakespeare to Feydeau farce, it was not long before Glenville was lured across the Atlantic. Repeating his West End success with the play, he took Rattigan's The Browning Version to Broadway in 1949. He went on to direct Rattigan's Separate Tables with Margaret Leighton and Eric Portman; and there followed The Prisoner, with Alec Guinness, Romeo and with Olivia de Juliet

Havilland, and Feydeau's Hotel Paradiso with Bert Lahr and Angela Lansbury.

He proved adaptable to all forms of drama. He was equally at home directing Anouilh's Becket, Sartre's Crime Passionelle or Tennessee Williams's Summer and Smoke as he was with William Saroyan's The Time of Your He had a clear philosophy

of the director's art. It had been said of him that he had a recognisable style of direction which was stamped on each production. Glenville did not take that as a compliment: "I believe that the director should, like a conductor, be an interpreter of a particular world of each playwright with whom he works. On occasion, the style of the play should call for the most delicate and unobtrusive staging. Sometimes other plays allow for broad and colourful strokes of direction, involving all the tricks that theatre magic can provide.

During the 1950s Glenville answered the inevitable call to

Hollywood, where he directed - and occasionally helped to script and produce - film versions of his own stage productions. His reputation helped to attract stars of the calibre of Laurence Olivier, Danny Kaye, Simone Signoret and Jack Hawkins, But few of his films received much critical acclaim. Summer and Smoke (1961) was dismissed as "wearisome," and Time of Trial (1962), with Olivier and Sarah Miles, was described as

"rather flabby". Glenville's last film, the star-studded 1967 production of Graham Greene's The Comedians, fared little better. He returned afterwards to work in the theatre and television.

He appreciated the difference between the two mediums, saying: "Cinema is a literature of images. Theatre is a literature of ideas." And he was clearly happier with the latter. At the end of his life, Peter Glenville went to live in San Miguel, Mexico. He was visiting a friend in Manhattan when he died. He was unmarried and leaves no survivors.

MAJOR ANTHONY BOURNE-ARTON

Major Anthony Bourne Arton, MBE, Conservative MP for burlington, 1959-64, died on May 28 aged 83. He was born on March 1. y 1913.

VIP. Anthony Bourne-Arton represented a type of Conservative who is now almost extinct. He was landed, double-barefled by marriage, instinctively loyal to country and party and known affectionately to both opponents and briends, as "the Major".

Bourne-Arron was the second son of W.R. Temple Bourne of Walker Hall in Co Durham and his wife, Evelyn Rose, daughter of Sir Frank Wills, the Bristol tobacco magnate. He became Anthony Bourne-Arton after his marriage to Margaret Elaine, the daughter of W. Denby Arton, the owner of Steningford Park. Ripon, and of hundreds of acres which had been sold off in the 19th century by the

Marquess of Aylesbury to pay his gambling debts.
Educated at Clifton.
Bowne-Arton joined the Royal
Artillery almost straight from

school and first saw active service in Palestine well before the Second World War. He in 1939, fought in the 1940 campaign, and saw further service in many theatres, including North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was awarded an MBE (mill) and several mentions in dispatches before being ordered to postwar operations in Malaya, from where he finally retired from the Army, taking with him the rank of major by which he was to be known for the rest of his

After leaving the Army he plunged straight into local government. After election to Bedale Rural District Council, he became a member of the North Riding County Council and served as a Justice of the Peace in the North Riding. But he had larger ambitions and

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in 1959 he inherited the then safe Tory seat of Darlington. which he won by 4,417.

He made little impression in the Commons, but in 1962 he was appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to Henry Brooke, Macmillan's Home Secretary, who is still remembered for a series of disasters which marked his term at the Home Office. Bourne-Arton.

typically, did his best for his master and in later days he would point out loyally that many of Brooke's problems were due to sheer bad luck as much as anything. Darlington, a railway town.

was always going to be diffi-cuit to hold in 1964, the year of Harold Wilson's first victory. but Bourne-Arton's support for the Beeching report and the closure of Darlington's railway workshops, did not help him. Labour's Edward Fletcher duly defeated him by nearly 2.000 and although Bourne-Arron, with an old soldier's refusal to surrender. fought the seat again in 1960 and 1970, he never had a realistic chance of winning it back.

In retirement Bourne-Arton continued to play an active part in local affairs while devoting himself to fishing. shooting and his family. He had two sons and two daughters, all of whom survive him together with his wife Elaine. whom he married in 1938.

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CARDINAL LÉON-ETIENNE DUVAL

Cardinal Léon-Etienne Daval, former Archbishop of Algiers died there on May 30 aged 92. He was born in Chênex, Haute-Savoie. France, on November 9. 1903.

ON THE same day that the bodies of seven French Trappist monks were found near Algiers with their throats cut. the battered Christian community of Algeria lost its former spiritual leader, Cardinal Leon-Etienne Duval. Duval had served as Archbishop of Algiers from 1954 until his retirement in 1988. He was increasingly distressed about the fate of the seven monks, who were being held by gunmen of the Armed Islamic Group. He died only hours before the seven were con-

firmed dead. Duval died in his home beside the Basilica of Our Lady of Africa in Algiers. The building, which looms over the maze-like district of Bab El-Oued, stands as a moving testimony to the survival of Christianity in the predominantly Islamic country.

Algeria had been granted its independence, after 130 years of French colonial rule, in 1962. Against the odds the Church survived, and with it the religious autonomy of 150,000 Christians living there. Duval was largely responsible for the peaceful coexistence of the two religions. Born in Chênex. Haute-Savoie, Léon-Etienne Duvai entered the seminary of La Roche-sur-Foron at the age of 12 and studied there until 1921. Afterwards he attended the seminary of Annecy and the French seminary in Rome. In 1926 he was ordained priest, and he graduated two years later as a doctor of theology.

He then returned to his native Haute-Savoic, where he taught seminarists until 1938 and became Vicar-General of Annecy during the Second World War. He was highly critical of the Vichy regime.

With peace, the course of his appointed Bishop of Constantine, the largest city in northeastern Algeria, and consecrated the following year. He intended to stay there for the rest of his life.

In fact he stayed in the elegant city, surrounded by hills, until 1954, when political events overtook him. On February 3 he was transferred to the bishopric of Algiers. Within months, following the Algerian National Liberation Front's declaration of the "November I Revolution", Duval embarked on a course of action which would set him apart from his countrymen and from many of his

congregation. As the bitter and bloody conflict of the war intensified, Duval became one of only a handful of sane, impartial voices among the Europeans calling for the building of "a new Algeria" which would respect the aspirations of both the minority Christian and majority Muslim communities. Throughout hostilities he used his tact to dilute the

growing spirit of pessimism.

Duval was horrified by the suffering he witnessed among the Algerians. He reminded the French Government that it was making its task of keeping its colony more difficult by worsening that suffering. Dreadful stories of French troops torturing Algerians in concentration camps were beginning to emerge. Europeans were also being butchered. In the midst of this carnage, Duval stood firm in his belief



that only reciprocal understanding could end the con-

In the end France withdrew. and in 1962 Algeria became independent. In 1965 Duval became an Algerian citizen, though he retained his French nationality. He was derided by many Frenchmen as a traitor, and given the nick-name "Mohamed Duval". However, his patient and reasonable stand throughout the difficult years of the war had earned him the respect of the Catholic church. Eleven days after Duval became an Algerian citizen. Pope Paul VI elevated him to the position of Cardinal.

As Algeria set itself upon a new, socialist path, the church was again threatened. In 1976 the three basilicas of Annaba. Algiers and Oran were occupled by gendarmes in a show of force. Duval had no choice but to go straight to the top. He requested President Houari Boumedienne to order their immediate withdrawal. The request worked.

Within the Catholic church, Duval provided the reformists of the 1960s with a powerful insight into many of the issues which Rome knew it must confront, in particular its relations with other world religions. To this end, in 1971 Duval was appointed head of a synod of bishops charged with conducting inter-reli-

gious dialogue.

Recently, he had become depressed about the resurgent crisis in Algeria. He told Le Monde: "Between 1961 and 1962, behind the violence, there was a strong sense of hope, a hope for independence. Today, behind the violence, there is no longer any hope at all; there is nothing more than a vast void."

BART'S HISTORIC WEEK

The celebration of the 800th anniversary of the foundation of St. Bartholomew's Hospital began yesterday with a service in the Priory Church of St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield. The church, a lovely example of Norman architecture, is all that remains of the Priory of the Augustinian Canons Regular, founded by Rahere in 1123, with the now-famous hospital as a subsidiary work of piety. Massive, narrow and dark, as most Norman buildings were, the little church, as we now know it, is no more adapted to spectacle than it was intended for it. Yet, as it gradually filled vesterday morning with men in academic dress and with hospital nurses, the contrast between the grey stillness of the ancient, serried stones and the play of colour was good to the eye. The Bishop of Chester in his address spoke of the millions in England and faraway who today were thinking of the hospital and wishing it well. He dwelt upon the span of 800 years, which imagination could not grasp without effort; and went on to

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The church of St Bartholomew-the-Great came unscathed through the Great Fire in 1666, a Zeppelin raid in the First World War, and the Blitz in the second; the hospital was less fortunate, but survived.

claim that if Rahere could be summoned to the hospital as it now is there would be nothing to apologise for, nothing to disturb the confidence and the clear conscience of his successors. The modern hospital could stand unabashed in his presence, able to show the apostolical succession unbroken from St. Bartholomew to the present day

At noon a great fanfare of trumpets and drums rang out from over the main gateway. When it died away, from the

far corner of the square there entered a little body whose like is not often seen in public in England, Augustinian Canons Regular, from the four houses in England. Another fanfare of trumpets and the tension broke. Out marched a herald, attended by Yeomen of the Guard and in a voice that might have been heard all across Smithfield read the proclamation by which the Prince of Wales, president of the hospital, commanded that the celebrations should begin. And begin they did, with two piteous little processions of sick and poor, in the dress of King Henry I's days, who appealed in vain to the charity of two haughty nobles striding by. Then quietly there came a solitary monk; and the sick and poor appealed to him, not in vain. They were clinging round him when there came on the scene the proud figure of Richard, Bishop of London; and the monk, Rahere by name, kneeling before the Bishop drew on the ground the rough plan of the hospital that he wished to build. And the Bishop gave his consent and his blessing ...

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COMBAT STRESS

■ Britain's battle with the European Union over beef turned into an angry stand-off last night after Brussels refused to make any further moves towards lifting the general export ban until John Major ends his policy of non-cooperation.

The European Commission agreed, as expected, to end the embargo on beef by-products, but Jacques Santer launched a fierce attack on Britain's "absurd" stance, which he claimed was breaking the EU's founding treaty ...

Blair admits smacking his children

Tony Blair said that he smacked his children and believed corporal punishment was an appropriate way to maintain discipline. His admission to Parent Magazine delighted Rightwing Tories but his own politically correct backbenchers see it as a mild blot on his moral reputation...

Uister gap widens

John Major and John Bruton held urgent discussions to try to close a widening gap between the British and Irish Governments over next week's Northern Ireland talks Pages 2, 21

Holiday girl drowned

Rebecca Ramsey, aged five, was feared drowned after being swept away by a high tide while on holiday near Bude in Comwall. She had been walking on the beach with her family...... Page 3 Diana mania

Chicago television stations renamed their weather forecasts "Diana-casts" and adult speciators sobbed with emotion as the Princess of Wales continued her visit to AmericaPage 5

Stone Age wine

The discovery in Iran of an ancient retsina has pushed back the origin of wine by 2,000 years. Traces were found in a jar dated about 5,000 BC Pages 6, 21

Football fear

The FA's decision to drop strict controls on Euro 96 tickets and sell them on match days could lead to disorder, the national po-

licing co-ordinator said.....Page 8 Premature exam

Hundreds of A-level chemistry papers have been withdrawn from schools nationwide after a teacher allowed pupils to sit the examination early Page !!

Bridge to Wales

The Prince of Wales opened the first bridge linking England directly with his principality. It will shave three miles and much frustration from a journey from

Doctors back reforms Doctors sympathetic to the Conservative Party have set up a covert campaign to promote the Government's health reforms in the run-up to the general

election.

Netanyahu warned

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Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister-elect, was told that Israeli hopes for lasting peace with the Arabs would fail if he trampled on Palestinian aspirations for statehood Page 14

Whitewater offensive Republicans attacked the Clinton White House as their Senate Whitewater committee members

accused Democratic colleagues of a cover-up....... Pages 15, 20 Gorbachev campaign Despite his low poll ratings, Mikhail Gorbachev is enjoying

the Russian presidential campaign. He appears on television and addresses full halls... Page 16 Genocide and sport

A row about the Holocaust has broken out in France after the Olympic synchronised swimming team chose Nazi genocide as its theme for Atlanta - Page 17

Fearful groom's honeymoon is over

A bridegroom showered with presents after announcing that he might die of cancer days after his wedding never had the disease. Doctors said Paul Challis had been suffering from an ear infection - not cancer of the cranium as he had claimed. Sympathetic businesses gave the bridal gown, cake, rings, a hired white Rolls-Royce and a champagne reception ... Page 3



A photocall at the Bonn Foreign Ministry before talks which led to the lifting of the ban on British beef by-products yesterday. From left, Douglas Hogg, Malcolm Rifkind and Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister. Pages I, 21

Yorkshire Water: The company came under fire after announcing record profits. However, it has promised to guarantee water supplies to all customers this year and to cut domestic bills Page 25

British Energy: Advisers to the £1.5 billion-plus flotation have been forced to rewrite the pathfinder prospectus just days before its publication -... Page 25

Lucas: BBA, the engineering company, looks set to launch a takeover bid worth up to £2.65 billion for Lucas Industries...

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 1.8 points to close at 3753.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 86.5 to 86.4 after a fall from \$1.5497 to \$1.5487 and from DM2_3737 to DM2_3683.... Page 28

SPORT

Cricket: England opten the Test match summer against India at Edghaston on a pitch expected to favour batsmen more than the one on which West Indies won swiftly ... Page 48 last year...

Racing: Dr Massini, favourite for the Vodafone Derby, looks certain to miss the race after succumbing to a poisoned foot Page 48

Footbell: Les Ferdinand, the Newcastle United striker, and Gary Neville, the Manchester United defender, did not train with England for a second successive day because of injuries Page 48 Tonnis: Michael Stich, of Germany, defeated the local favourite, Cedric Pioline, in four sets

to reach the semi-finals of the

Flims of the week: Even Robert Redford and Michelle Pfeiffer can't save Up Close & Personal from

ARTS

being a boring Hollywood weepie: but Robert Lepage makes an impressive debut with his brilliant The Confessional New on video: Rob Reiner's lumbering comedy The American Pres-

ident helps the time pass, while Eisenstein's The Battleship Potemkin invented a whole new style of movie-making Director speaks: Luc Bondy on his staging of Don Carlos for Covent

Garden's Verdi Festival Page 39 Austen adaptation: The ubiquitous Jane Austen arrives in Chichester with a breezy staging of Mansfield Park that stars Tony Britton and French Open in Paris Page 44 | Lisa Goddard ...

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ NOVEL FIRST

to Valerie Grove

The intensely private

on the eve of her first

novel's publication

■ EDUCATION

Have mixed colleges

Eleanor Bron (left) talks

FEATURES Own goal: For years he could do no wrong. Now Terry Venables is

showing signs of paranola in his defence of England Page 19 Another world: After a life of being chauffeur-driven, a retired chairman now delights in travelling by __. Page 19 public transport

BODY AND MIND Hear me out: A deaf girl's mother explains why deaf people must be given the chance to hear ... Page 18

man rights abuses?..... Page 35

BOOKS : Michèle Roberts on genteel Anita Brookner; John Gribben on Einstein sans science; Martin Gilbert on Elie Wiesel Pages 40. 41

THE PAPERS -

The image of the wreckage of Ariane . . . illustrates failure for the European aerospace industry. But if Europe wants to continue to be an industrialised continent, gambles such as the Ariane project are essential, however risky they might - El Mundo seem to be

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is brought up to date. The Deat Yugoslavia (BBC2, 9.30pt) view: Matthew Bond reckons erecting obelisks was a badpered business ..

TO DESIGNATION OF THE Mitchell's burden

The impression grows t Downing Street and Dublin losing control over events to terrorists, while what is present as a peace process slides into submission schedule....

Rioja and the Rock

Spain needs, above all, to win a braltar's trust. This should not impossible for Señor Aznar: all he has learnt with time to live peace with the Basque and Cata nationalists...

Château Flintstone

Drunk without discretion, v can give man a hangover. But t is a price man has been happy pay since opening time in the & chance bar.

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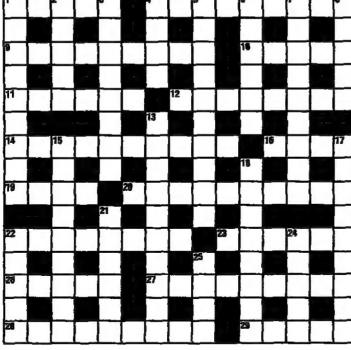
The indictments of Kenneth Sta the Whitewater special prosecu are climbing up the network of Madison conspiracy; Govern Tucker represents the higher slo but Hillary Clinton is the ridge to leads to the summit. The Preside himself is the summit Page ALF MORRIS

There is today a deep sense injustice among people w haemophilia and their famili The tragic fate of three broth explains why ... PETER RIDDELL

Bill Cash's bill on a referendum Europe is flawed, and in a lette fellow MPs he misrepresents results of the MORI poll in 7 Times last week.

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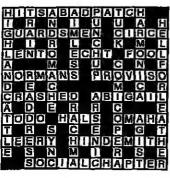


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- Keep to right, following directions
- 4 Good hand from packed theatre (4.5).
- 9 Conservative member, disheartened, to withdraw (5,4).
- 10 Cricketer caught before he's half set (5).
- 11 Mount puzzling pictures after opening of exhibition (6). 12 It's important to Irish. moving
- about (8). 14 In depression, was extravagant
- with curses (4.6). 16 Clip nails back (4).
- 19 Nanny subject to attack (4). 20 Foreign head, one of the Greens
- (6,4). 22 Twelve thousand I had, almost
- exactly (8). 23 Dirty backing of rich crimson
- cloaks (6). 26 Brief bit of film about queen (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,186



27 Standing out roughly three foot (2,3,4).

28 Cockney's abrasive bird (9). 29 Shiny vessel's taken back (5).

1 Heading out of Canberra, take grub, possibly, in this (6-3).

- 2 Refrain from using gesture when speaking (5). Backfires and limits engineers
- imposed thereon (8). 4 Swindle of rising fare (4). Extended one's property in New
- York area (4,6). 6 Takes part in creating clothes (6). Neuter cat, altering voice (9). 8 What originates enduring teners
- honoured in community? (5). 13 Where Old Contemptibles went too far (4.3.3). 15 At university, acid upset blue throughout (2,3,4).
- 17 False arrest followed by summons 18 Bubbly winners receiving sov-
- creign (8). 21 Request to turn in clue that's excellent (6).
- 22 Painting Grandma Miriam's brother (5). 24 Flower providing the ultimate in nectar, leading to lots of honey (5).

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☐ Much of England and Wales will be hot with spells of hazy sunshine. There may be log patches on some coasts in southy tem areas, and showers will develop over northern parts, some becoming heavy by evening. Coastal sea breezes are likely for a time.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly dry with sunny spells, though a few showers are likely in the north at first. Cloud will increase in the west later. Warm in eastern Scotland; temperatures nearer normal else-where. Winds fairly light.

□ London, SE, Cent S, E, Cent N England, E Anglia, Midlands, Channel Is: Dry; hezy sunshine. Wind S or SE light, but local sea breezes. Hot inland. Max 24C to 27C

SW England, S Wales: Fog patches on coasts, sunshine inland. Wind mostly light and variable, some sea breezes Max 22C to 25C (72F to 77F), cooler on coasts.

☐ N Wales, NW, NE England, Lakes, IoM, Borders, SW Scotland: Rather cloudy at times, showers di veloping, some heavy later. Wind S or SE light. Max 22C to 24C (70F to 75F). Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Dry; good sunny spells. Wind mainly SE light. Warm. Max 18C to 21C (64F to 70F).

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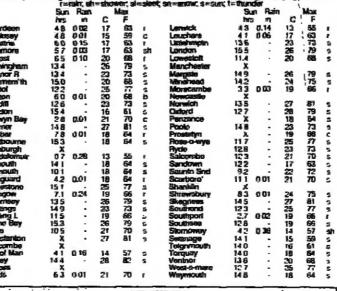
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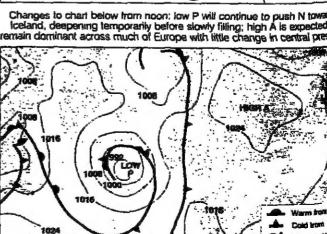
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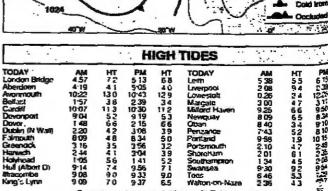
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